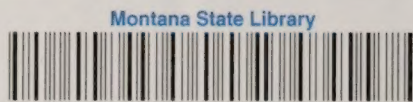


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SKIING COVER PHOTO: LONNIE BALL
SNOWMOBILING COVER PHOTO: DONNIE SEXTON

Start with snow, add friendly

resorts, short lift lines and reasonable prices, and you have winter, Montana-style. It is a season of celebration and unspeakable beauty. But remember, it is just one of the seasons of Montana. ❄ In spring, skiing and snowmobiling give way to whitewater rafting, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, hiking and fishing. In addition to outdoor recreational activities, Montana offers a year-round calendar of events ranging from Indian powwows, cowboy poetry readings and rodeos, to music and art festivals, concerts, kayak races and winter carnivals. ❄ Travel Montana has all the information you need to plan your trip, including guides with information on camping, lodging, attractions, events and recreational opportunities.

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Winter in Montana is a celebration of contrasts:

exhilaration and repose, brilliant sunshine and blinding snowfall, frosty days and snug nights by the fire. Above all, it is a season of profound beauty. Montana's sunny skies bring warmth to a wintry landscape. Elk, deer, bighorn sheep and other residents of high places move down to open slopes at lower elevations. ❄️ Try Montana in winter, and you will discover what winter recreation can be because Montana offers all of the pleasure and none of the hassle. Just perfect powder snow, bright blue sky, easy access, friendly faces and affordable prices. Some say Montana is at its best when it lies under a blanket of snow!

WINTER



ROGER WADE



RODNEY SCALECHT



WINTER WILDLIFE VIEWING

Winter is the best season to see much of Montana's abundant wildlife. Scan windswept hillsides for elk and bighorn sheep. Search ice-free lakes and rivers for ducks, Canada geese and swans. Look, too, for tracks. Snow creates a perfect stage for the wildlife drama that plays out daily in Montana's backcountry. Bring a field guide to animal tracks to help you decipher wildlife clues imprinted on snow. But please don't disturb wildlife. These birds and animals need to conserve their energy to survive the winter months.

WINTER IS MORE THAN SNOW SPORTS

There's more to winter than skiing and snowmobiling. Get behind a team of sled dogs and let winter get in your face. Augur a hole in the ice and wait for a school of perch or salmon to tap your line. Visit the U.S. High Altitude Sports Center in Butte for a glimpse of world-class speed-skating, or Canyon Ferry Lake near Helena for close-up views of bald eagles as they pause during their migration to feed on spawning kokanee salmon.

Montana is more than an exhilarating day outdoors. It is historical museums and art galleries,



ghost towns and lively cities, fine dining, shopping and hidden resorts that are perfect for winter naps.

GETTING TO AND AROUND MONTANA

Some ski and snowmobile areas are minutes from an airport or train station; others are a short drive on scenic highways. The following carriers can get you to Montana snow:

AMTRAK 800-872-7245
 Big Sky Airlines 800-237-7788
 Delta/Delta Connection 800-221-1212
 Horizon Air 800-547-9308
 Northwest Airlines 800-225-2525
 Skywest 800-453-9417
 United Airlines 800-241-6522

MONTANA SKI REPORTS AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

800-VISIT MT (800-847-4868) out of state
 406-444-2654 in Montana
 Internet: <http://travel.mt.gov/>

ROAD CONDITIONS

406-444-6339
 800-226-ROAD (7623)



BOB ALLEN



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SALVATORE VASAPOLLI



SCOTT SPINKER

If you love to ski, Montana has a sweet deal for you.

We invite you to rediscover the pure joy of downhill skiing—Montana-style. It starts with sunshine, blue sky and plenty of powder. Its hallmark is the happy fatigue that comes from too many runs. Its value lies in sensible prices and your certain knowledge that this is what skiing was meant to be.

Montana offers you a full menu of downhill ski options. Our 14 downhill ski areas range from destination resorts, where you and your friends or family will want to settle in for a week, to popular day use areas. The quality and quantity of Montana's skiable terrain compares with the best in the West. ❁ All of our resorts and day use areas are come-as-you-are. If you're traveling as a family, many areas provide day care and all-day ski camps for kids. If you are a beginner,

you can't make a better investment than a session or two with our expert, friendly instructors. If you're an expert or extreme skier, you won't be disappointed. If you're coming with snowboards or telemark skis, you're welcome here! ❁ Beyond the skiing, there are snow dances and spring carnivals, sleighrides and seven-course dinners, fun-loving ski towns and quiet nights by the fire. You set the style. Leave the snow and the service to us.

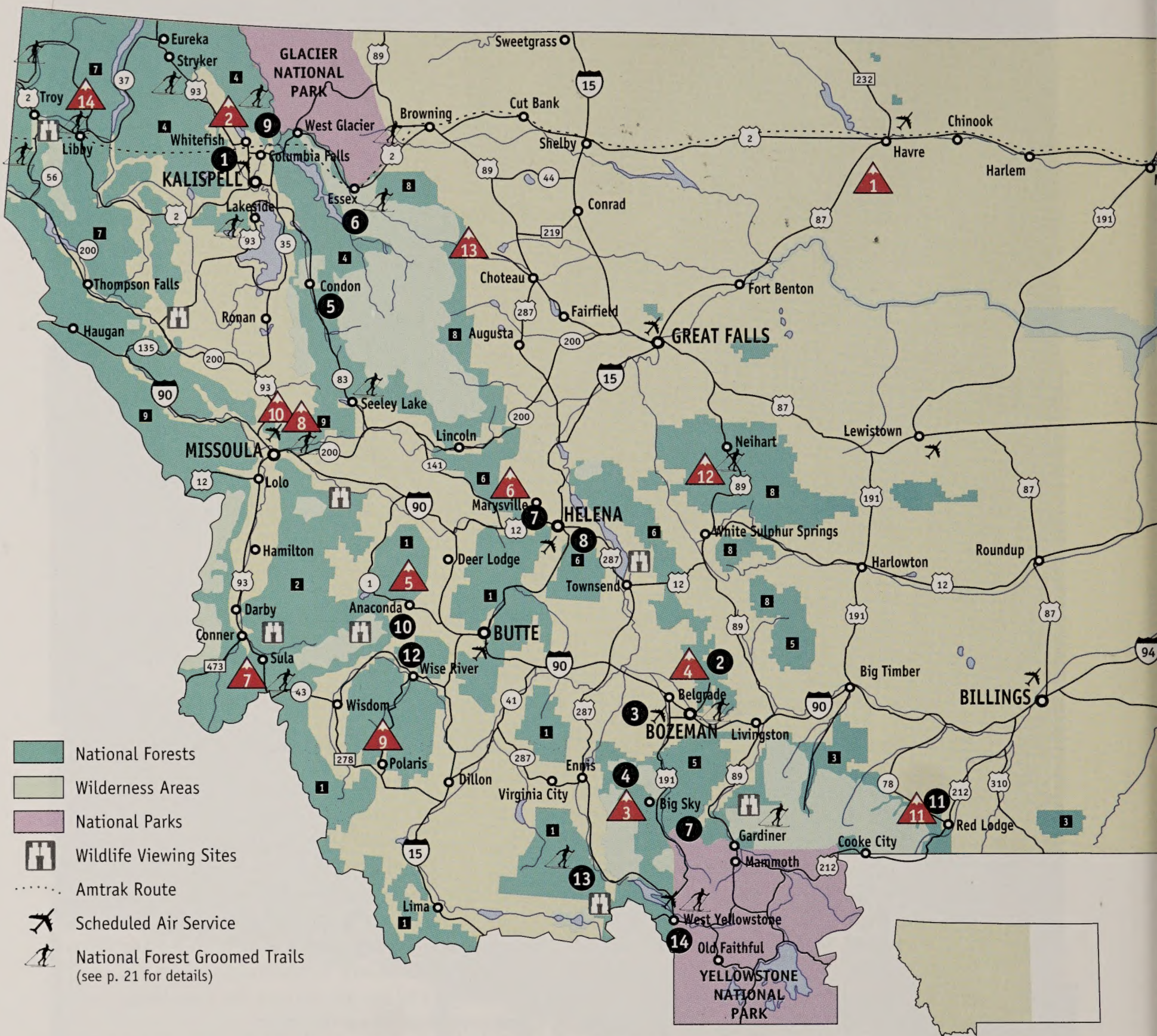
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DOWNHILL

DOWNHILL AREAS & GROOMED CROSS-COUNTRY AREAS



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Consult the Montana Official Highway Map
for accurate and detailed information.

DOWNHILL SKI AREA QUICK REFERENCE CHART

		AVG. SNOWFALL	VERTICAL DROP	BASE ELEVATION	TOP ELEVATION	LIFT CAPACITY/HR.	LIFTS*	RUNS	% BEGINNER	% INTERMEDIATE	% ADVANCED	ADULT RATES**	CHILDREN RATES**	SNOWBOARDING
	Bear Paw Ski Bowl Havre 406-265-8404	140	900	4,200	5,280	720	1D	9	25	25	50	\$15	8 & under free†	Yes Day use area 29 miles S of Havre, along Amtrak route on Rocky Boy Indian Reservation; full services in Havre
	Big Mountain Whitefish 406-862-1900 Fax 406-862-2955	300	2,300	4,700	7,000	15,472	1Q 2DQ 1D 4T 2S	64	25	55	20	\$40	\$27 6 & under free	Yes Full service destination resort in NW Montana, on Amtrak route & served by Delta, Northwest & Horizon airlines; near Glacier National Park
	Big Sky Big Sky 800-548-4486 Fax 406-995-5001	400	4,180	6,970	11,150	18,000	1TR 1Q 3T 3DQ 3D 1G 3S	75	10	47	43	\$47	10 & under free†	Yes Full service destination & conference resort between Bozeman & Yellowstone National Park; open summer & winter
	Bridger Bowl Bozeman 800-223-9609 Fax 406-586-1518	350	2,000	6,100	8,100	7,300	1Q 5D 1S	60	25	35	40	\$29	\$12 5 & under free†	Yes Destination area with plenty of skiing & full services in the nearby university town of Bozeman; close to Yellowstone National Park
	Discovery Basin Anaconda 406-563-2184 Fax 406-563-7036	200	1,300	6,850	8,150	4,300	1T 3D	40	33	33	33	\$22	\$11 5 & under free†	Yes Day use area near Anaconda; cafeteria, lounge, sales & rentals & cross-country trails; Fairmont Hot Springs Resort 30 miles east; steepest lift-served terrain
	Great Divide Marysville 406-449-3746 Fax 406-443-0540	150	1,330	5,900	7,230	2,300	3D	60+	15	35	50	\$20	\$10 5 & under free†	Yes Day use area about 20 mi. NW of Helena; cafeteria, bar, restaurant, night skiing, snowmaking. Great open bowl, trail and tree skiing on 700+ acres; full range of accommodations in Helena
	Lost Trail Powder Mtn. Conner 406-821-3211 Fax 406-821-3508	300	1,200	6,600	7,800	1,925	2D 2S	18	20	60	20	\$18	\$9 5 & under free†	Yes Day use area S of Missoula on the Montana-Idaho border; lodging nearby; 9 miles to Camp Creek Inn
	Marshall Mountain Missoula 406-258-6000	150	1,500	3,900	5,400	3,000	1T 2S	22	15	65	20	\$19	5 & under free†	Yes Day use area outside of Missoula; lessons, rentals, snack bar, pub, night skiing; full services in Missoula
	Maverick Mountain Dillon 406-834-3454 Fax 406-834-3540	180	2,120	6,500	8,620	700	1D 1S	18	20	40	40	\$19	\$12 5 & under free†	Yes Day use area W of Dillon; open Thurs.-Sun.; half-price lift tickets Thurs. & Fri.; nursery available/reservations required
	Montana Snowbowl Missoula 406-549-9777	300	2,600	5,000	7,600	3,400	2D 2S	32	20	40	40	\$26	\$13 5 & under free†	Yes Regional destination area outside of Missoula; vertical drop attracts extreme skiers but there's plenty of variety for other skill levels
	Red Lodge Mountain Red Lodge 406-446-2610 Fax 406-446-3604	250	2,400	7,016	9,416	10,690	2DQ 4D 1T 1S	60	15	55	30	\$32	\$12	Yes Destination area with expanded skiing, family fun & full services in the fun-loving, Western town of Red Lodge
	Showdown Ski Area Neihart 406-236-5522 Fax 406-236-5523	240	1,400	6,800	8,200	3,000	1T 1D 2S	34	30	40	30	\$25	\$13 5 & under free†	Yes Day use area S of Great Falls; expanded lodge; kids programs & daycare; rentals include skis, snowboards, snowblades, snowrunners & snowbikes
	Teton Pass Choteau 406-799-6833 406-278-7904, 278-7855	300	1,100	6,100	7,200	800	1D 1S	30	20	50	30	\$20	\$15 5 & under free	Yes Day use area on the Rocky Mountain Front; rentals, lessons, lounge & concessions; services in Choteau; open Thurs.-Sun., 9:30 am-4 pm, and holidays
	Turner Mountain Libby 406-293-4317	200	2,110	3,842	5,952	500	1S	26	5	20	75	\$16	\$13 6 & under free†	Yes Day use area 22 miles N of Libby in Montana's northwest corner; warming hut & snack bar; services in Libby; rentals; open weekend & holidays only
	Dream Ski 406-862-1998 406-758-5411	The Dream Disabled Ski Program on The Big Mountain. Adaptive ski program for individuals with disabilities. Individualized one-on-one ski instruction, free use of adaptive ski equipment and lessons by appointment. Runs 12/1-3/31												
	Eagle Ski Montana	A similar adaptive ski program for people with special needs, offered at Bridger Bowl, Red Lodge Mountain & Showdown. Both downhill and cross-country skiing are taught on a one-on-one basis. Bridger Bowl: 406-586-1781; Red Lodge: 406-245-5422; Showdown: 406-454-1449												

* Lifts TR — tram, DQ — high-speed detachable quad chair, Q — high-speed quad chair, G — high-speed detachable gondola, T — triple, D — double, S — surface

** Rates—Rates subject to change †with paying adult



BIG MOUNTAIN SKI & SUMMER RESORT

P.O. Box 1400, Whitefish, MT 59937 * Reservations: 800-858-3913 or 406-862-1900

Fax: 406-862-2955 * Internet: www.bigmtn.com/resort



This ski season The Big Mountain is even bigger! During the 1997/98 ski season The Big Mountain is celebrating its 50th anniversary by adding two new chairlifts, including the second high speed quad on the mountain and the new Hellroaring Lift which will open even more terrain on The Big Mountain.

LOCATION

8 miles N of Whitefish, 23 miles N of Kalispell, in northwest Montana

GETTING HERE

Amtrak to Whitefish from east and west
Delta, Northwest and Horizon Air to Glacier
Park International Airport, Kalispell
Transfers from airport and train depot
available with confirmed reservations
Rental cars and taxis available

SEASON

November 27–April 12
Open daily 9 am–4:30 pm
Night skiing mid-December–March,
Wednesday–Saturday, 4–9 pm

TRAILS & SLOPES

64 runs, unlimited tree skiing
3,000 acres on the Flathead National Forest
25% beginner, 55% intermediate,
20% advanced
Snowboarders, telemark & mono-skiers welcome

LIFTS

Quads 2 detachable, 1 fixed grip
Chairs 4 triple, 1 double
Surface 2

RATES

Adult \$40
Junior 7–18 \$27
Senior 62+ \$27
Child 6 & under Free
Night skiing \$12
Multi-day, group rates available

RENTALS & SALES

Adult package starts at \$15/day
High performance equipment, snowboards,
cross-country equipment available
Ski shops on the mountain offer clothing and
equipment

INSTRUCTION

Group \$23/2 hrs.
Private \$55/hr.
Adult first-timer \$23/half-day lesson & lift
Skill-builder, snowboard, telemark & cross-
country lessons
Specialty clinics include Women's Week,
snowboard camp

FOOD & DRINK

Several restaurants and saloons on the mountain
Summit House features views of Glacier Park

LODGING

Ski-in/ski-out lodging for up to 1,500 guests at
6 properties on the mountain
For more lodging information, directory begins
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CROSS-COUNTRY

10 km of groomed trails on the mountain,
adjacent to Outpost Lodge
Rentals available

SNOW CAT SKIING

Guided Cat skiing trips offered to some of the
best powder in the Rockies. Four hours of
heavenly powder skiing is just \$40 per person
with your day lift ticket

JUST FOR KIDS

Day care, kids' ski school and free skiing
for children under 6
Children 12 & under stay free in all
on-mountain lodging properties

EVENTS

Doug Smith Western Region Downhill Series
Whitefish Winter Carnival, Winter Microbrew
Festival and Grape Expectations Wine &
Food Festival
Clydesdale-drawn sleighrides, sleighride dinners
Snowtubing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-
country skiing and other special programs

2 days skiing/
3 nights lodging
with a full skier's
breakfast starts at
just \$182.50
per person,
double occupancy.
Rates do not
include applicable
taxes.



SCOTT SPIKER

Base Elevation 4,700 ft.
Top Elevation 7,000 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,300 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 15,472 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 300 in.



BIG SKY SKI & SUMMER RESORT

P.O. Box 160001, Big Sky, MT 59716 ☎ Reservations: 800-548-4486 or 406-995-5000
Fax: 406-995-5001 ☎ Internet: www.bigskyresort.com



With 3,500 acres of exceptional terrain, 400" of annual snowfall and a high-tech, high-volume lift system, Big Sky offers its visitors an unparalleled ski experience. Add ski-in/ski-out accommodations and the Nation's first national park as its next door neighbor, and you have the ingredients for a world-class vacation right here in southwest Montana.

Great Ski Weeks
Special 4 nights in
Huntley Lodge
3 days of skiing
starts at \$266 per
person, double
occupancy. Includes
breakfast & special
programs. Valid
Dec. 13 through
Dec. 24, 1997 and
March 29 through
mid-April 1998.
New this season:
Early Season Super
Saver Weeks.



BIG SKY SKI & SUMMER RESORT

Base Elevation 6,970 ft.

Top Elevation 11,150 ft.

Vertical Drop 4,180 ft.

Longest Run 6 mi.

Lift Capacity 18,000/hr.

Average Annual Snowfall 400 in.

LOCATION

US 191, 43 miles S of Bozeman

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air, Skywest or Northwest to
Bozeman

Shuttles meet most major flights

Rental cars and taxis available

SEASON

Mid-November to mid-April

Open daily 9 am-4 pm

TRAILS & SLOPES

75 trails on 2 mountains

3,500+ acres on private land

10% beginner, 47% intermediate, 43% expert

Snowmaking on 10% of terrain

LIFTS

Trams	1
High Speed Quads	3
Gondolas	1
Chairs	3 double, 3 triple, 1 quad
Surface	3

RATES

Adult	\$47
Youth 11-17	\$40
Child 10 & under (2 per paying adult)	Free

RENTALS & SALES*

Adult	\$23/day
Child	\$16/day

3 shops on the mountain

Snowboarding equipment available

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard, advanced/extreme

Group lessons \$30/half-day

Beginner package \$45
(rental, lesson, rope tow)

FOOD & DRINK

15 restaurants

11 night spots

Gourmet sleighride dinners

Dancing, ski movies and gaming

LODGING

Full accommodations on the mountain

More than 1,000 rooms and condominium units

Conference center, shops, pools, spas

Regular shuttles connect lodging and ski areas

For more lodging information, directory begins
on page 46

CROSS-COUNTRY

Lone Mountain Ranch, world-class Nordic resort

Daily shuttles to Yellowstone National Park for
cross-country skiing and wildlife viewing

JUST FOR KIDS

Children's Ski Day Camp combines activities,
meals and skill improvement (age 4-14)

\$63/day

Ski Mini-Camp (age 4-6) \$80/day

EVENTS

Torchlight Parades on Christmas Eve and New
Year's Eve

Medical seminars, ski club groups, USSA races
throughout season

SNOW CONDITIONS

406-995-5900

INTERNET

www.bigskyresort.com

EMAIL ADDRESS

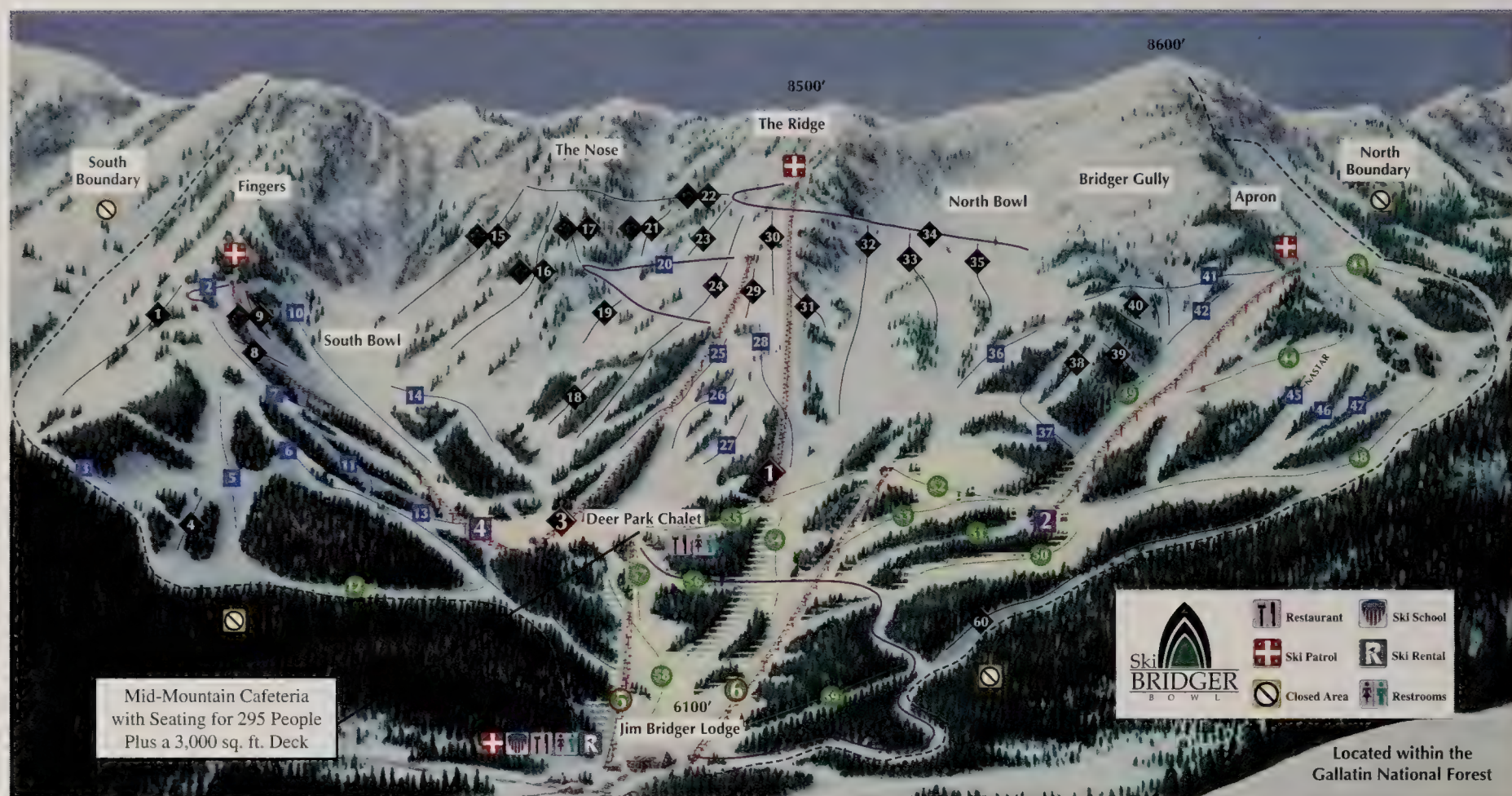
bigskymail@mcn.net

*Subject to change.



BRIDGER BOWL

15795 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59715 * Reservations: 800-223-9609 or 406-586-1518
Fax: 406-586-1518 * Internet: <http://www.avicom.net/bridger.html>



Explore a big mountain with short lift lines, long runs and big bowls. This nonprofit ski area offers world-class skiing and snowboarding at small-town prices.

3 days skiing/
3 nights lodging
starts at \$120 per
person, quad
occupancy. Fly & ski
packages start at
\$445, including
roundtrip airfare,
4 nights lodging, 3
days skiing and
shuttle—a variety of
motels, condos,
private homes and
bed & breakfast inns.



GORDON WILTSIE

Base Elevation 6,100 ft.

Top Elevation 8,100 ft.

Vertical Drop 2,000 ft.

Longest Run 2.5 mi.

Lift Capacity 7,300 skiers/hr.

Average Annual Snowfall 350 in.

LOCATION

16 miles NW of Bozeman

GETTING HERE

Airport only 30 minutes away

Delta, Horizon Air or Northwest to Bozeman

Call 800-223-9609 for ski package with
discounted airfare

Car rentals—most major companies at airport
Motel shuttle offered several times daily from
most Bozeman motels: \$7 roundtrip

SEASON

December 13–April 12

Open daily 9 am–4 pm

TRAILS & SLOPES

More than 60 runs with expansive bowls, powder glades, winding trails and groomed slopes covering 2,000 acres on the Gallatin National Forest

500 additional vertical feet on nearly 400 acres for the adventurous expert on Bridger's "ridge." Avalanche transceiver (457 khz), shovel and skiing partner required.

1/3 of lift-accessible skiing groomed

25% beginner, 35% intermediate, 40% advanced

LIFTS

Quads 1

Chairs 5 double

Surface 1

RATES

Adult \$29

Multi-day (3 days+) \$26/day

Senior \$20

Child (5 & under free) \$12

RENTALS & SALES

Complete package starts at \$15/day

Performance skis and snowboards available

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, telemark and snowboard

Group \$20/1.5 hrs.

Private \$45/hr.

FOOD & DRINK

Two cafeterias

Full-service bar and grill

Food service, beer and wine at new mid-
mountain cafeteria

Many fine restaurants in Bozeman

LODGING

Central reservations for lodging, air, car rentals,
lift tickets for individuals and groups

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JUST FOR KIDS

Day care (18 mos.–6 yrs.) \$20/half-day;

\$35/full-day

"First Tracks" (age 4–6) lesson, lunch, day care
\$35/half-day; \$45/full-day

EVENTS

Torchlight Parade December 30

Montana Powder 8s

Championship February 7-8

Wild West Shred O'Fest Snowboard

Competition February 21-22

Molson's Ski Challenge March 7

Bridger Bowl Bump-Off Freestyle

Competition March 22

Pinhead Classic Costume

Telemark Race March 21

Double Pole, Pad & Pedal Downhill,

Cross-country, Run & Cycle Event April 12

SNOW PHONE

406-586-2389

RESERVATIONS

800-223-9609

NEW FOR 1997-98

Expanded snowmaking, parking lot shuttle,
multi-day lift ticket discount



DISCOVERY BASIN / FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS RESORT

Ski Discovery, P.O. Box 221, Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-2184 * Fairmont, 1500 Fairmont Road, Anaconda, MT 59711

Reservations: 800-332-3272 * Fairmont Internet: www.fairmontmontana.com



High in the Pintlers of western Montana, Ski Discovery, with its 6,850-ft. base elevation, is known for high country, light snow, some of America's steepest lift-served slopes, great cruising runs and friendly atmosphere.

LOCATION

23 miles W of Anaconda at Georgetown Lake

GETTING HERE

Fly Skywest or Horizon to Butte
From Missoula on I-90 to Drummond,
Philipsburg via Flint Creek Hill or from Butte
via Anaconda

SEASON

November-April
Open 7 days per week from 9:30 am-4 pm

TRAILS & SLOPES

40 runs
33% beginner, 33% intermediate, 33% expert
Plenty of snowboard air

LIFTS

Chairs 1 triple, 3 double

RATES

All day adult	\$22
All day child	\$11
All day senior (65+)	\$11
Half day adult (12:30 pm)	\$17
Easy chair	\$8
Complete rentals & sales including boards and high performance skis	

INSTRUCTION

Beginner package	\$28
Snowboard beginner package	\$41
Private lesson for 1 hour	\$25
Ski & snowboard lessons - class or private	
Enroll kids in Kinderski, they'll love it!	

FOOD & DRINK

Super-food in Cafeteria
Friendly bar and lounge

LODGING

Nearby Anaconda and Fairmont Hot Springs
Motel & Resort Ski Vacation Packages

CROSS-COUNTRY

Groomed & untracked trails

DISCOVERY FAX

406-563-7036

FAIRMONT FAX

406-797-3337

2 days skiing/
2 nights lodging
\$125/*\$100
per person
double occupancy.
Includes 4 water
slide passes.
800-332-3272
*ski Tues-Wed
or Wed-Thurs.
Not available
Dec. 22-Jan. 1



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Base Elevation 6,850 ft.

Top Elevation 8,150 ft.

Vertical Drop 1,300 ft.

Longest Run 2 mi.

Lift Capacity 4,300 skiers/hr.

Average Annual Snowfall 200 in.



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Fairmont Hot Springs features two Olympic-size pools and two soaking pools, all with natural hot springs water, plus Montana's only year-round 350-ft. water slide. The perfect spot to end a day of skiing or snowmobiling by soaking, relaxing or treating yourself to a massage.



LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN

P.O. Box 311, Conner, MT 59827 ☎ 406-821-3211 or 406-821-3508
Fax: 406-821-350 ☎ Internet: <http://www.bitterroot.net/lostrail/lostrail.html>



Well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions, Lost Trail straddles the Montana-Idaho border in the breathtaking Bitterroot Range of the Northern Rockies.

LOCATION

US 93, 90 miles S of Missoula

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest to Missoula
Car rentals available at airport

SEASON

December-April
9:30 am-4 pm
Thursday-Sunday and Holidays
Christmas-Every day through Christmas holiday

TRAILS & SLOPES

18 runs & trails on the Bitterroot National Forest
20% beginner, 60% intermediate,
20% advanced

LIFTS

Chairs 2 double
Surface 2

RATES

Adult \$18; \$14 half-day
Youth 6-12 \$9; \$6 half-day
Child 5 & under Free
Rope tow \$3

RENTALS & SALES

Downhill package \$10/day
Snowboard and Boot \$20/day
Demo skis \$15/day

INSTRUCTION

Private \$22/hr.
Learn to ski package \$20

FOOD & DRINK

Full-service cafeteria at day lodge



LODGING

Lost Trail Powder Mountain offers ski & stay packages with Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast. The Inn is located nine miles north of Lost Trail and offers both comfortable rooms in 1919 historic ranch house and two cabins with kitchens. All stays include a hearty, ranch breakfast.

Camp Creek Inn, 7674 US 93 South, Sula, MT 59871, 800-351-3508, 406-821-3508

Email: skimt@bitterroot.net

For more lodging information, directory begins on page 46

EVENTS

Mogul Freestyle Competition February
Winterfest/Pepsi Family Races & BBQ ... March
Ski Patrol Steak Fry & Dance March
Great spring skiing in April



STIVE SLOOMER

2 days skiing/
2 nights lodging
\$82 per person
double occupancy,
breakfast included
Camp Creek Inn

Base Elevation 6,600 ft.

Top Elevation 7,800 ft.

Vertical Drop 1,200 ft.

Longest Run 2.5 mi.

Lift Capacity 1,925 skiers/hr.

Average Annual Snowfall 300 in.



MONTANA SNOWBOWL

P.O. Box 8226, Missoula, MT 59807 ☎ Reservations: 800-728-2695 or 406-549-9777



Deep, powdery bowls and 2,600 feet of continuous vertical drop make Snowbowl an extremist's dream. There's plenty of skiing for other skill levels, too.

LOCATION

12 miles NW of Missoula

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest to Missoula
Car rentals at airport
From I-90, Reserve St. Exit, N on Grant Creek Rd., then left onto Snowbowl Rd.

SEASON

Late November-early April
Wednesday-Monday (closed Tuesday)

TRAILS & SLOPES

30+ trails and groomed runs, open powder bowls and tree skiing
1,200 acres on the Lolo National Forest
20% beginner, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced
700 acres of "extreme" skiing
Snowmaking at lower elevations

LIFTS

Chairs 2 high-capacity doubles
Surface 2

RATES

Adult \$26
Child \$13
Child 5 & under Free
Beginner tow Free
Senior, student & half-day rates

RENTALS & SALES

Downhill package \$13/day
Snowboards \$13/day
Separate rates available
Ski accessories for sale

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard
Adult group \$16/2 hrs.
Adult private \$25/1 hr.
Pee-Wee private \$15
Beginner's package (lift, lesson, rental) ... \$23.50
New "shaped" ski learning center with free demo/lessons

FOOD & DRINK

Double Diamond Cafe at base lodge
Grizzly Chalet at mid-mountain
Last Run Inn Saloon

LODGING

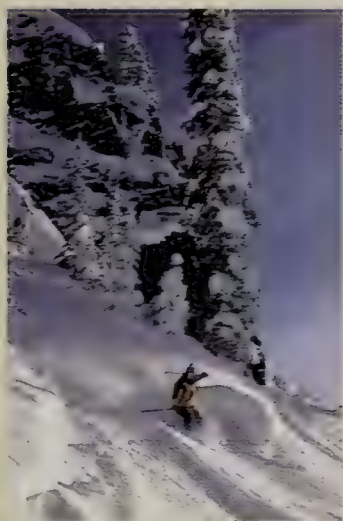
On mountain, ski in and ski out at the new Gelandesprung Lodge—hotel/hostel
A complete range of accommodations and ski packages are available in Missoula
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 46

EVENTS

Pepsi Sport Racing every Saturday
Snowboard Jam February 7-8
Gelande Jump
Championship February 28-March 1
Northern Division Freestyle
Championship March 7-8
Snowbowl Hexathlon March 15
Best-of-the-Bowl Race March 22

24-HR. SNOW PHONE

406-549-9696



SCOTT SPARK

2 days skiing/
2 nights lodging,
hot tub, starts at
\$71 per person
double occupancy,
all season. Other
packages available.

Base Elevation 5,000 ft.

Top Elevation 7,600 ft.

Vertical Drop 2,600 ft.

Longest Run 3 mi.

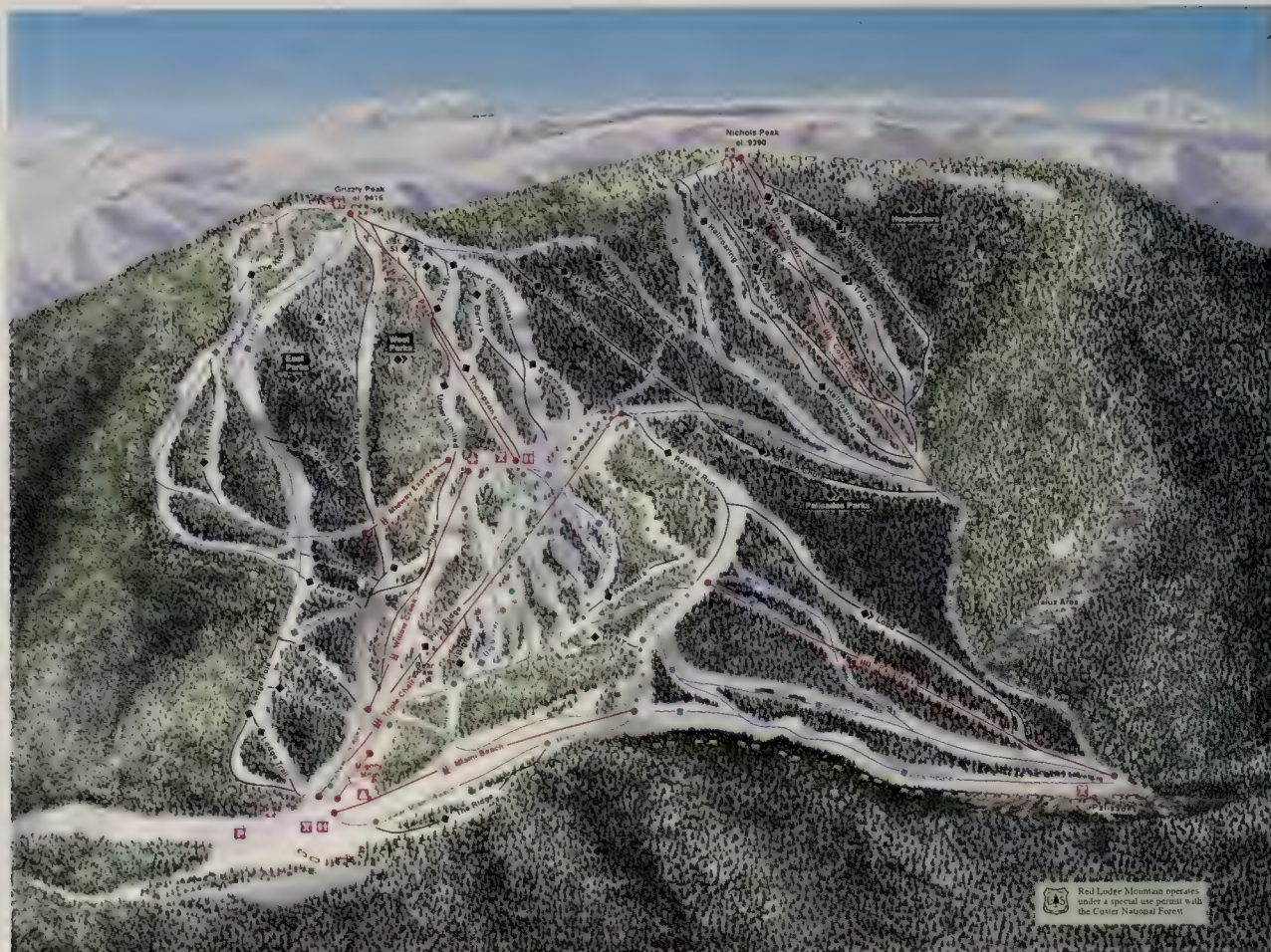
Lift Capacity 3,400 skiers/hr.

Average Annual Snowfall 300 in.



RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

P.O. Box 750, Red Lodge, MT 59068 ☎ Reservations: 800-444-8977 or 406-446-2610
Fax: 406-446-3604 ☎ Internet: <http://www.montana.net/rlmresort>



This is a big mountain with lots of snow and sunshine and a lively Western town just down the road. Red Lodge Mountain is famous for its spring skiing.

LOCATION

US 212, 1 hr. SW of Billings

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon, Northwest, United, Big Sky or Skywest to Billings
Rental cars available at airport

SEASON

Mid November–April 12
9 am–4 pm daily

TRAILS & SLOPES

60 trails and groomed slopes, 30 acres extreme chute skiing, and 60 acres of gladed tree skiing
1,600 acres on the Custer National Forest
15% novice, 55% intermediate, 30% expert
Snowmaking on 40% of trails

LIFTS

Chairs 2 high-speed detachable quads, 1 triple, 4 doubles
Surface 1

RATES

Adult \$32
Child 12 & under \$12
Rates discounted Monday and Tuesday beginning January 5 (except holidays)
Multi-day and group rates

RENTALS & SALES

Rental equipment for adults and children, demo/performance skis, and snowboards available in our ski shop on the mountain

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard, beginner, advanced, adults, children and specialty clinics
First Timers Packages: lift ticket, rentals and lesson
Private and semi-private

FOOD & DRINK

2 full-service restaurants
2 cafeterias plus line camp
Red Lodge boasts more restaurants per capita than any other town in Montana

LODGING

Central Reservations does it all! Book lodging, airfare, car rental, lift tickets and rental equipment with one call to 800-444-8977
For more lodging information, directory begins on page 46

JUST FOR KIDS

State licensed day care facility for ages 6 mos. to 4 years – reservations and immunization records required

SKIwee Program for ages 3-6. Lift, instruction, rentals and fun
Teepee Creepers for ages 7-12. Instruction, mountain exploring and fun

EVENTS

Christmas Festivities December 20-30
Nastar racing Friday–Sunday
Winter Carnival March 6–7
Easter Celebration April 10–12

NEW FOR 1997-98 SEASON

New state-of-the-art snowmaking system giving top to bottom coverage

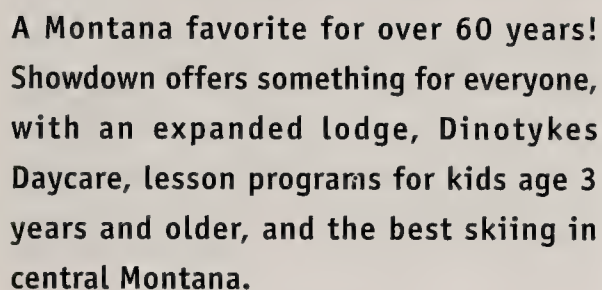
Packages start at \$520 including roundtrip airfare, 5 nights lodging, 4 days skiing & car rental with ski rack.
3 days skiing, 3 nights lodging for \$140. Call 800-444-8977.
Packages based on per person, quad occupancy. US funds.



Base Elevation 7,016 ft.
Top Elevation 9,416 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,400 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 10,690 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 250 in.



Fax: 406-236-5523 ✱ Internet: www.travelbase.com.activities.skiing.showdown



**3 days skiing/
3 nights lodging
\$95 per person,
quad occupancy.**

Base Elevation 6,800 ft.
Top Elevation 8,200 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,400 ft.
Longest Run 2 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,000 skiers/hr.
Average Annual Snowfall 240 in.

LOCATION

US 89, 10 min. S of Neihart, 1 hr. SE of Great Falls or 30 min. N of White Sulphur Springs

GETTING HERE

Fly Delta, Northwest, or Horizon Air to
Great Falls
Major car rentals available at the airport

SEASON

Early December–Early April
Wednesday–Sunday, plus these holidays:
December 17, 1997–January 4, 1998
(Closed Christmas Day)
January 19, 1998—Martin L. King Day
February 16, 1998—President's Day

TRAILS & SLOPES

34 uncrowded runs of tree-lined trails and open slopes on the Lewis & Clark National Forest
30% beginner, 40% intermediate,
30% advanced

LIFTS

Chairs 1 triple, 1 double
Surface 2

RATES

Adult All Area Lift	\$25
Junior (Age 6-12)	\$13
Senior (Age 70+)	\$13
Kids 5 & under	Free
Rope Tow & Poma Lift	Free

RENTALS & SALES

Downhill package \$15/day
(Includes shaped and high-performance)
Snowboard package \$25/day
New this season: snowblade, snowrunner and
snowbike rentals available

INSTRUCTION

Downhill and snowboard lessons
Group or private lessons
SKIwee and SKIwee Hotshots program

FOOD & DRINK

Johnny K's Cookshack and the Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon in the base lodge. The Top Rock Eatery at mountain summit.

LODGING

Accommodations nearest to the mountain are
in Neihart, Monarch and White Sulphur
Springs
Full accommodations in Great Falls
For more lodging information, directory begins
on page 46

CROSS-COUNTRY

12 miles of groomed trails adjacent to downhill ski area

SNOWMOBILING

- 200 miles of groomed trails
- Machine and clothing rentals at the ski area
- Guided tours

JUST FOR KIDS

SKIwee Program (age 3-6) includes lesson and lift/rental if needed (full- or half-day)
Daycare at the base lodge. Reservations are required for ages 2 & under.

EVENTS

Food Drive Weekend	Dec. 20 & 21
Snowboard Jam	Feb. 1
Freestyle Bump-off	March 15
Belt Creek Relay	March 22
Mannequin Jumping	April 4

24-HR. SNOW PHONE

406-771-1300



LODGING ON BIG MOUNTAIN

Whitefish, Montana

This ski season, The Big Mountain is getting even bigger! During the 1997-98 season, The Big Mountain celebrates its 50th anniversary by adding two new chairlifts, including the second high-speed quad on the mountain and the new Hellroaring Lift, which will open even more terrain on The Big Mountain.

Lodging opportunities abound on The Big Mountain. You can choose from hotels, condominiums, townhomes or single family homes, ranging from luxurious comfort to economy ski lodging. Call and let us help create the perfect winter ski getaway.



MICHAEL JAVORKA

BIG MOUNTAIN ALPINE HOMES

The Big Mountain Alpine Homes offer value, comfort and charm for a variety of tastes and budgets while staying right on the mountain. These single family homes, condos, duplexes and townhomes range in size from one to five bedrooms. Many feature desirable ski-in/ski-out locations. All units are equipped with full kitchens, barbecues, color cable TV/VCR and fireplace or woodstove. Most have spa/sauna facilities and all benefit from our superior customer service. Let The Big Mountain Alpine Homes be your "ski home away from home."

HIBERNATION HOUSE

The Hibernation House is the economy ski lodge in The Big Mountain village. All of our rooms feature a queen bed, set of bunks, telephone and private bath with shower. Included in the room rate is a full, hot skier's breakfast served right in the lobby each morning. Other hotel amenities include a large, indoor jacuzzi, laundry facilities, inside ski storage, lobby with fireplace and TVs, and our caring, friendly staff. Ski right back to the hotel for your best vacation value—The Big Mountain Hibernation House.

FOR MORE INFORMATION BIG MOUNTAIN ALPINE HOMES/ HIBERNATION HOUSE

800-859-3560
Fax: 406-862-1956
Email: bigmtn@bigmtn.com
Internet: <http://www.bigmtn.com/resort>

ANAPURNA PROPERTIES

Great selection (60-plus) of on-mountain accommodations offers our guests premier locations with many units that are ski-in/ski-out. All units are fully furnished with kitchens, living areas and one to four bedrooms. The units range in size but average 1300 square feet. Only Anapurna units have access to an indoor pool and 11 different hot tubs. A friendly Montana staff caters to much more than the routine. Send us your shopping list and your kitchen will be stocked. We will personally escort you to your Anapurna lodging. Anapurna offers affordable luxury in a priceless location.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

ANAPURNA PROPERTIES

800-243-7547, 406-862-3687
Fax: 406-862-0586
Email: anapurna@digisys.net
Internet: <http://www.montanaweb.com/anapurna>



KANDAHAR LODGE

Montana's premier mountain lodge. Ski to the slopes and back, then relax with your favorite drink from the "Snug Bar" next to the fire in our elegant sunken lobby. Enjoy fine dining in Cafe Kandahar with a full breakfast and dinner menu in a charming European setting. You'll sleep peacefully under down comforters in one of our 48 beautiful rooms. Kitchenettes available. Amenities include spa, steam room, sauna, locked ski and boot storage, conference room, board room, cable TV and laundry facilities. Kandahar is what you've always imagined a ski lodge to be. Kids under 12 stay free.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

KANDAHAR LODGE

P.O. Box 1659
Whitefish, MT 59937
800-862-6094
406-862-6098
Fax: 406-862-6095
Email: kandahar@vtown.com
Internet: <http://www.vtown.com/kandahar>



RAINBOW RANCH LODGE

P.O. Box 160336, Big Sky, MT 59716 * 800-937-4132 or 406-995-4132
Fax: 406-995-2861 * Internet: www.rainbowranch.com

"Montana's pristine Gallatin River Canyon is nearly 75 breathtaking miles long, but there is only one spot on this famous river that you can enjoy your own beautiful and private view: from a luxurious guest room at the Rainbow Ranch Lodge!" Quoted by one of the staff who will introduce you to Montana hospitality at its best. Our united and single goal at Rainbow Ranch is to exceed your expectations.



ROB OUTLAW

LOCATION

Just 40 miles south of Bozeman, Rainbow Ranch Lodge is located on the Gallatin River five miles south of the entrance to the Big Sky Resort on US 191. We are nestled between the Gallatin and Madison Mountain ranges of the Rocky Mountains, 12 miles north of the boundary of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Delta, Skywest or Horizon Air to Bozeman. Discounted airfare available.

ACTIVITIES

Your experience may include a variety of winter activities: downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling or snowcoach tours in Yellowstone National Park, fishing, hunting, dinner sleighrides, horseback riding, wild-life/naturalist trips, massage/spa services, dog sled rides and snowshoeing.

FACILITIES

Rainbow Ranch Lodge, with its rich history, continues the tradition of honoring guests with a rare combination of warm, attentive hospitality, rustic elegance and unparalleled wilderness beauty. The massive logs, stone fireplace and custom built Western bar create an inviting atmosphere to either begin or end your day. Guest suites provide luxurious comfort with lodge pole beds, down comforters, TV/VCRs and original art work. After a full day of winter play, you can relax by the warmth of a stone fireplace, either in our outdoor jacuzzi or our rustic lounge.

DINING

At the Rainbow Ranch Lodge, Executive Chef Kim Cameron will create a unique dining experience for you. You may begin your day with coffee or tea delivered to your room with fresh home-baked goods. Gourmet box lunches are available to take along for the day. For a perfect ending to your day, join us in our renowned restaurant where you can dine in elegance while sampling local, regional or international cuisine.

VACATION PACKAGES

Inquire about a variety of discount ski packages, ranging from two days to seven days.

RESERVATIONS

We are an intimate lodge with 21 guest rooms, so please make your reservations early to ensure your choice of dates and type of room.

Rainbow Ranch is a smoke-free facility.



ROB OUTLAW



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE RAINBOW RANCH LODGE

P.O. Box 160336
Big Sky, MT 59716
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406-995-4132
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Internet: www.rainbowranch.com



ROGER MADE

Watch our woods fill up with snow. With two national parks, nine national forests, 12 wilderness areas and numerous lodges and resorts with private trail systems, there's plenty of room for everyone. ❄️ Ski or skate on groomed tracks, or choose from hundreds of miles of ungroomed trails on public lands. Take a guided wildlife tour or rent a remote forest service cabin and ski into it with your bed and board on your back. Montana's privately owned cross-country ski resorts celebrate winter with guided wilderness and wildlife tours, expertly groomed trails, professional instruction and comfortable accommodations that range from snug cabins to full-service lodges.



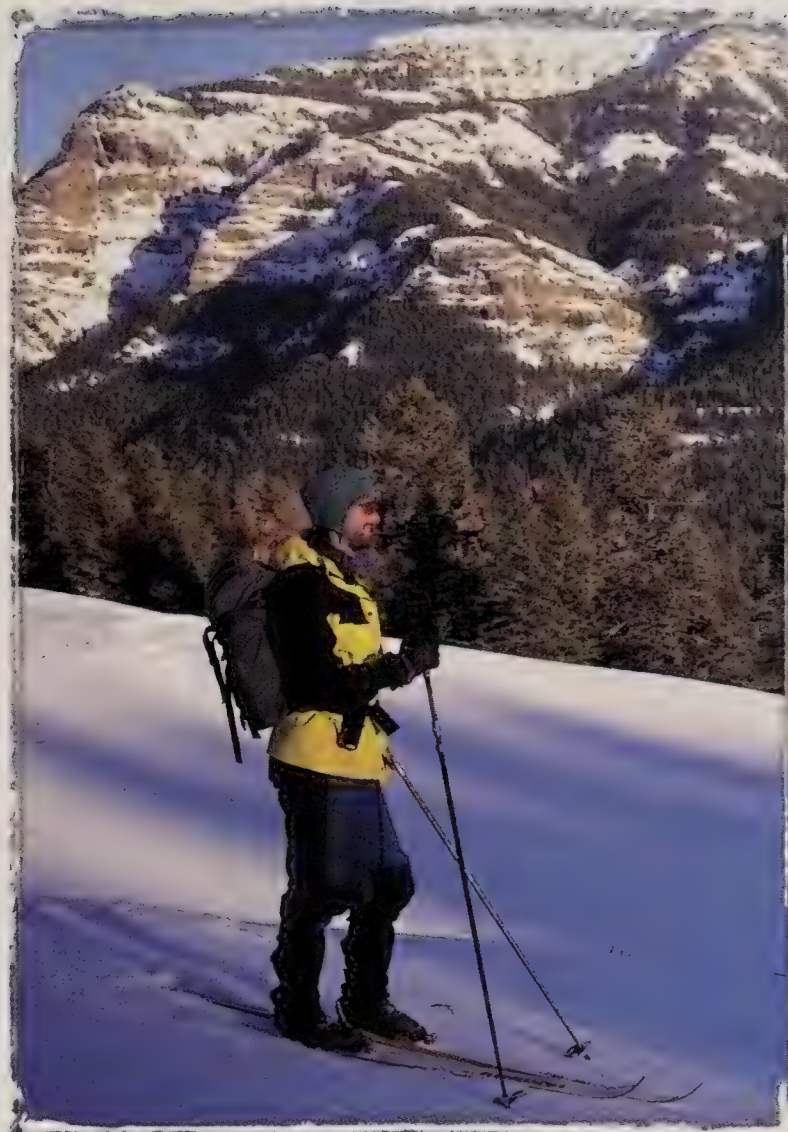
SCOTT SPIER



RODNEY SCHLECHT



BOB ALLEN



SALVATORE VASAPOLLI

THE PARKS IN WINTER

For an unrivaled winter experience, visit Yellowstone or Glacier national parks. These rugged and pristine lands offer spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing and endless opportunities for winter adventure.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Explore miles of backcountry trails, steaming geyser basins and snow-mantled forests on skis. Three of Yellowstone's five entrances are in Montana—Gardiner, Cooke City and West Yellowstone. Guided ski tours, snowcoach tours and snowmobile rentals are available at West

Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs. Two million acres await you in Yellowstone! For maps and more information, contact Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, 307-344-7381.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

A little less traveled are the one million acres of alpine splendor and the dozen ski trails awaiting winter visitors to Glacier. Guided tours and ski rentals are available. For maps and more information, contact Superintendent, Glacier National Park, MT 59936, 406-888-7800.

CROSS-COUNTRY



CONRAD ROWE



CHUCK HANEY

MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

**U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Northern Region**
Federal Building
P.O. Box 7669
Missoula, MT 59807
406-329-3511

**Beaverhead-Deerlodge
National Forest**
420 Barrett Street
Dillon, MT 59725-3572
406-683-3900

Bitterroot National Forest
1801 North First Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-3131

Custer National Forest
1310 Main Street
P.O. Box 50760
Billings, MT 59105
406-657-6361

Flathead National Forest
1935 Third Avenue East
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-755-5401

Gallatin National Forest
3710 Fallon Street, Suite C
P.O. Box 130
Bozeman, MT 59718
406-587-6920

Helena National Forest
2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, MT 59601
406-449-5201

Kootenai National Forest
506 Highway 2 West
Libby, MT 59923
406-293-6211

**Lewis & Clark
National Forest**
1101 15th Street North
P.O. Box 869
Great Falls, MT 59403
406-791-7700

Lolo National Forest
Building 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59801
406-329-3750

The national forests and grasslands of Montana

reach from rugged mountaintops and steep, timbered canyons in western Montana to eastern prairies and badlands. When the snow covers these 16.8 million acres of public lands, they become a winter wonderland.

Ten downhill ski areas on national forest lands provide slopes for every talent. These winter sports areas have been developed in cooperation with private industry and are operated under national forest special-use permits.

In addition to spectacular downhill runs, there are vast and diverse landscapes for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers. Cross-country skiers can follow more than 600 miles (950 km) of designated ski-touring trails of varying difficulty across timbered slopes, open meadows and ridgelines. There are also thousands of miles of ungroomed recreation territory.

Snowmobilers can ride more than 2,000 miles of designated, groomed trails, or they can explore on their own. In some areas, wildlife winter ranges are closed to snowmobiling.

A Guide to Your Northern Region National Forests will give you the locations of all nine national forests in Montana. This guide and maps of the individual national forests and winter recreation trails are available from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Northern Region, or the individual national forest (see list of addresses).

For those who seek a true backcountry experience, the Forest Service has rustic cabins and lookouts for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Cabins are furnished with the bare basics (table, chairs, wood stove and bunks). Bedding is not furnished. Forest Service personnel at the national forest in which the cabin is located can tell you what you need to bring. For a Recreational Cabin and Lookout Directory, write or call the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Northern Region.



GROOMED SKI TOURING TRAILS ON MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

TOTAL KM OF GROOMED TRAILS
TOTAL KM SKATING LANES
EASIEST
MORE DIFFICULT
MOST DIFFICULT
GROOMING

SKI TOURING TRAILS	TOTAL		TOTAL		EASIER		MORE		MOST		GROUP		CONTACT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST AND BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST														
Chief Joseph Cross-Country Trails 28 mi. W of Wisdom	24.6		8	14.5	2.1	W	District Ranger, Wisdom 406-689-3243 District Ranger, Sula 406-821-3201			Starts on north side of MT 43 at Chief Joseph Pass. Eight loop trails. Groomed by Bitterroot Ski Club. Maps available at trailhead.				
FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST														
Round Meadows 15 mi. NW of Whitefish	11.8		9.4		2.4	I	District Ranger, Whitefish 406-862-2508			Snowmobiles prohibited; no dogs please. Combination of trees and meadows; moose sightings possible.				
Blacktail Mountain 8 mi. W of Lakeside	40.5		10	30.5		I	District Ranger, Bigfork 406-837-5081			No skiing on plowed Blacktail Mountain Road. Spectacular views of Flathead Lake and Valley and four mountain ranges.				
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST														
Bear Creek Road Jardine, 5 mi. above Gardiner	6.4	6.4	6.4			I	District Ranger, Gardiner 406-848-7375			Easy climb through timber along Bear Creek Road. Groomed for skating and tracked skiing.				
Bozeman Creek 5 mi. S of Bozeman	8			8		I	District Ranger, Bozeman 406-587-6920			Snowmobiles prohibited. Forested valley.				
Rendezvous Complex West Yellowstone	16	16	16			D	District Ranger, West Yellowstone 406-646-7369			Used by U.S. Olympic Team in November as official site of fall training camp. Dogs & snowmobiles prohibited.				
Dead Dog Loop West Yellowstone	5.6	5.6		5.6		I	District Ranger, West Yellowstone 406-646-7369			Access via Rendezvous system.				
Windy Ridge West Yellowstone	8.2	8.2			8.2	I	District Ranger, West Yellowstone 406-646-7369			Grooming is in November & December only. Access via Rendezvous system.				
KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST														
Ross Creek Trail No. 4005 17 mi. S of Troy, MT 56	13		11		2	I	District Ranger, Troy 406-295-4693			Motor vehicles prohibited after December 1. Trail goes to Ross Creek Cedar Grove Scenic Area.				
Bear Creek 7 mi. S of Libby	5.5		2.3	1.8	1.4	I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773			Motorized vehicles prohibited. Groomed by Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club volunteers.				
Rainbow Ridge 22 mi. N of Libby	2.4		2.0	0.4		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773			Trail shared with snowmobiles. Groomed by Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club volunteers.				
Flatiron Summit 24 mi. N of Libby	2.4			2.4		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773			Motorized vehicles prohibited. Groomed by Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club volunteers.				
Timberlane Campground 9 mi. N of Libby	3.3		2.5	0.8		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773			Ski play hill & sledding, picnic shelter, fire ring & firewood provided. Groomed by Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club volunteers.				
South Flower 4 mi. SW of Libby	7.3		0.3	6.5	0.5	W	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773			Motorized vehicles prohibited. Groomed by Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club volunteers.				
Grave Creek Road 16 mi. SE of Eureka	37		27	10		I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451			Parking available at Birch Creek Recreation Area. Grooming by Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club.				
Laughing Water Creek Adj. to Murphy Lake Ranger Station	7.2		7.2			I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451			Closed to snowmobiles. Opportunities for wildlife viewing.				
Therriault 10mi. SE of Eureka	18			16	2	I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451			Parking available at junction of Forest Service Roads 756 & 7077.				
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST														
Silver Crest 30 mi. N of White Sulphur Springs	18	18	3.5	10.3	4.2	I	District Ranger, White Sulphur Springs 406-547-3361 or Neihart, 406-236-5511			Park in snowmobile lot near Kings Hill, 7 mi. SE of Neihart. Two warming huts. Groomed by Great Falls Cross-Country Club.				
LOLO NATIONAL FOREST														
Pattee Canyon Ski Trail 5.5 mi. SE of Missoula	9	9	1.6	4	3.4	W	Missoula Area Visitor Information, Missoula, 406-329-3814			Closed to motorized vehicles. Two trails. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails. Groomed by Missoula Nordic Ski Club.				
Seeley Lake Ski Trails 1 mi. NE of Seeley Lake	18	18	3	12	3	I	Ranger District, Seeley Lake 406-677-2233			Snowmobiles & dogs prohibited on groomed trails. Maps available at trailhead & District Office. Groomed by Seeley Lake Ski Club.				

GROOMED: I-Intermittent W-Weekly D-Daily **NOTE:** Some trails are groomed irregularly.

The **EASIEST**, **MORE DIFFICULT** and **MOST DIFFICULT** ratings are relative to each area. Weather and snow conditions may make an **EASIEST** trail too difficult for many skiers. In addition to groomed trails, many areas offer opportunities for skiing ungroomed forest service trails. Please contact the appropriate forest service office or ski club for current information before you ski. **MOUNTAIN TOURING TRAILS** are marked routes for experienced skiers only.



CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTERS/TRAILS

SKI CENTERS/TRAILS	TOTAL KM OF GROOMED TRAILS					TOTAL KM SKATING LANES					EASIEST					MORE DIFFICULT					MOST DIFFICULT					GROOMING					TRAIL FEES					RENTALS					X-COUNTRY INSTRUCTION					FOOD SERVICE					LODGING ON SIGHT					ADDITIONAL INFORMATION																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								

Numbers preceding ski centers/trails correspond to circles 1 on map, page 6

GROOMED: I-Intermittent W-Weekly D-Daily **NOTE:** Some trails are groomed irregularly. **FOOD SERVICE:** S-Snacks

The **EASIEST**, **MORE DIFFICULT** and **MOST DIFFICULT** ratings are relative to each area. Weather and snow conditions may make an **EASIEST** trail too difficult for many skiers. In addition to groomed trails, many areas offer opportunities for skiing ungroomed meadows and slopes. Please contact the appropriate ski center or ski club for current information before you ski.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THE MONTANA EXPERIENCE IS AS REWARDING AS EACH VISITOR MAKES IT. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO MAKE YOUR TRIP MORE ENJOYABLE AND ASSURE A QUALITY EXPERIENCE FOR FUTURE VISITORS. * HELP PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE BY LEAVING GHOST TOWNS, MINING CAMPS AND OTHER HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS INTACT. THE ONLY THINGS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM THESE SITES ARE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS. *

RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS. ALWAYS GET PERMISSION BEFORE ENTERING PRIVATE LAND. * DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY. * FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THEIRS, ENJOY WILDLIFE FROM A DISTANCE. * WE'RE KNOWN FOR OUR FRIENDLINESS. RESPECT OUR TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS AND LOCAL ORDINANCES AND WE'LL KEEP SMILING. * SUPPORT OUR ECONOMY; LOOK FOR THE MADE IN MONTANA LABEL WHEN YOU SHOP.



IZAAK WALTON INN

P.O. Box 653-M, Essex, MT 59916 ☎ 406-888-5700
Fax: 406-888-5200 ☎ Internet: <http://www.vtown.com/izaakw>

Snow Country magazine named the Izaak Walton Inn one of the top 10 cross-country ski resorts in the Rockies. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Izaak Walton Inn is an alpine lodge constructed in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews. Memorabilia, authentic furniture and our great log fireplace remind every guest of the great train era's mystique.

FACILITIES

Relax in an Empire Builder accommodation with full private bath. Enjoy unique lodging in a charming caboose. The Dining Car Restaurant serves a wide variety of menu favorites, plus daily specials. The Flagstop Bar, game room, gift shop, Finnish sauna and laundry facilities help make your stay more enjoyable.

LOCATION

At Essex, just off US 2, halfway between East and West Glacier in northwest Montana. Fly Delta or Horizon Air to Kalispell and rent a car for a scenic drive to Essex. Or ride Amtrak right to our door.

SEASON

Late November through April 15. Glacier National Park backcountry tours from December 1 to April 15. Our spring skiing is excellent, as snowfall usually lasts into the middle of May.

TRAILS

More than 30 km of mechanically groomed trails, partially on the Flathead National Forest, with set track and skating lane. Telemark hill. Lighted Starlight Trail for night skiing. Backcountry ski opportunities in Glacier National Park and the Great Bear Wilderness.

GUIDE SERVICE

Our guided ski tours unlock the door to Glacier National Park's pristine winter splendor. Wildlife, spectacular scenery and



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experienced guides provide for a memorable day of skiing. Trips can be tailored to any ski level. Cost of an all-day group trip is \$60-\$80 per person, including lunch, transportation and guide service. Ski rental equipment available upon request.

DAY SKIER SERVICES

A day trail pass allows you to ski our entire trail system. Equipment rental packages available.

VACATION PACKAGES

Inquire about our three-, five- and seven-day vacation packages. Packages include accommodations, three meals a day, daily trail passes, full use of all Inn ski trails and Finnish sauna, one ski lesson, one guided snowshoe tour and one guided ski tour into Glacier National Park.

EVENTS

Kick Out the Kinks USSA-sanctioned 5 and 10 km Nordic Ski Race, December 6-7; Spring Snow Rodeo and Race, March 21-22.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are recommended. When calling, please indicate if you are interested in a ski tour into Glacier National Park, as space is limited.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

P.O. Box 160069, Big Sky, MT 59716 ☎ 800-514-4644, 406-995-4644
Fax: 406-995-4670 ☎ Internet: www.lonemountainranch.com

A full-service, cross-country ski resort. Professionally groomed trails, attractive, cozy cabins, a beautiful log dining lodge, dependable snow, top quality ranch gourmet meals and that "extra special" Montana hospitality combine to make Lone Mountain Ranch the cross-country skiing vacation of a lifetime. Named by *Snow Country* magazine as the top cross-country ski resort in the western U.S.

LOCATION

Big Sky, Montana—40 miles south of Bozeman, 20 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Skywest, Delta or Horizon Air to Bozeman. Free airport transportation. Special airfares available.

SEASON

Ski from early December to mid-April.

TRAILS

65 km of professionally groomed, tilled and tracked trails designed to accommodate all levels of ability. Groomed for both traditional skiing and skating. We also have snowshoe trails. A portion of these trails lie on the Gallatin National Forest.

NATURALIST-GUIDED SKI TRIPS

Naturalist-guided, all-day ski tours into the backcountry of Yellowstone. Skiing past steaming geyser basins and wintering herds of elk and bison is a truly unforgettable experience.

NORDIC SKI SHOP

Complete cross-country ski shop provides both retail and rental equipment. A wide selection of ski clothing, accessories, convenience items and gifts are available.

SKI INSTRUCTION

Professional PSIA-certified instructors offer lessons for all levels of skiers.

VACATION PACKAGES

Comfortable ranch-style accommodations house up to 70 guests in cozy log cabins with private baths, electric heat and wood-burning stoves or fireplaces. One-week package (7 nights) includes three



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complete meals per day, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation, a sleighride dinner, gourmet on-the-trail buffet lunch, evening programs and outdoor hot tub at \$1,198-\$1,535 per person, double occupancy. Reservations are required.

DAY SKIER SERVICES

Day trail passes give you access to the entire trail system. Rental ski packages, Nordic ski shop, ranch breakfasts, hearty skier buffet lunches, ranch gourmet dinners, saloon, lessons, guided ski tours and old-fashioned sleighride dinners are all available to day visitors.

SLEIGHRIDE DINNERS

Step back into Montana history with an old-fashioned sleighride dinner. A horse-drawn sleigh takes you through the winter woods to a beautiful log cabin where the aroma of homemade bread greets you at the door. A gourmet prime rib dinner, cooked in a century-old wood cookstove and musical entertainment help complete a perfect winter evening. Reservations required.

RESERVATIONS

It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible to assure your choice of dates and accommodations.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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BOHART RANCH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTER

Bohart Ranch, located 16 miles northeast of Bozeman on MT 86 in Bridger Canyon, adjacent to Bridger Bowl Ski Area, offers 25 km of groomed and tracked trails on nationally and internationally recognized cross-country ski terrain. Trails are groomed for both diagonal and skating techniques. Facilities include a biathlon range for year-round training and competition. Services include rentals, lessons, snacks and warming cabin. Trails are open in summer for walking, running, mountain biking, horseback riding, frisbee golf and Summer Biathlon, which combines running and shooting.

Bohart Ranch trails offer quality skiing for both the recreational and competitive skier. Our scenic trails in historical Bridger Canyon let our guests experience a bit of old Montana.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

BOHART RANCH CROSS- COUNTRY SKI CENTER

16621 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-9070



THE GALLATIN GATEWAY INN

Experience the diversity of winter in Montana at the historical Gallatin Gateway Inn, 12 miles southwest of Bozeman on US 191. Nestled in the heart of the Gallatin Valley, the Inn is perfectly located between Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort and Bridger Bowl Ski Area, as well as near outstanding cross-country ski trails. If you are looking for the best of both worlds, skiing the "cold smoke" of Bridger Bowl or the vertical slopes of Big Sky, the Gallatin Gateway Inn is the ideal accommodation for your vacation. As an alternative to alpine skiing, we can arrange a snowmobile trip or a guided wildlife viewing tour of Yellowstone National Park.

Built in 1927 by the Chicago-Milwaukee Railroad, the Inn has become a gathering place for visitors and locals. After a great day of winter activities, enjoy the exquisite cuisine of Chef Erik Carr in both the elegant Historic Dining Room and the casual Baggage Room Pub. Enjoy a glass of wine in front of a romantic fire in the grand fireplace lounge or watch the stars while relaxing in our outdoor jacuzzi. Join us for a wonderful winter getaway. We look forward to meeting you!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

GALLATIN GATEWAY INN

P.O. Box 376
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
800-676-3522
406-763-4672
Fax: 406-763-4672



GOLDEN EAGLE LODGING AT BIG SKY

Located at Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort, Golden Eagle is 45 miles south of Bozeman and neighbor to Yellowstone National Park. Out your front door you will find access to 75 km of an extensive cross-country trail system. Lone Mountain Guest Ranch, premier cross-country ski area of the Northwest, offers a variety of terrain for beginners and experts. Or ski 65 miles of exhilarating downhill on 75 runs over 3,500 acres. Our pinnacle peak, Lone Mountain, rises 11,166 feet with a vertical drop of 4,180 feet.

Golden Eagle offers the largest selection of luxury condominiums and homes in Big Sky.

Conveniently located near the cross-country track system, slopes, dining, shops and entertainment, Golden Eagle condos have panoramic mountain views, furnished kitchens and stone fireplaces. Some have access to pools, saunas and jacuzzis. Golden Eagle Lodge offers comfortable rooms, with a restaurant and bar on the premises, the perfect choice for those on a budget. Prices start at \$110/night for a one-bedroom condo and \$45/night in the lodge. Fly Delta or Northwest to Bozeman.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

GOLDEN EAGLE

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HOLLAND LAKE LODGE

Experience the backcountry winter paradise, Holland Lake Lodge, the "Montanan's Montana," for your ultimate cross-country adventure.

Holland Lake Lodge, with its rich 75-year history, continues its timeless tradition of honoring our guests with a rare combination of wonderful, attentive hospitality and classic rustic log lodge nestled in an unmatched secluded setting on the shores of Holland Lake. Holland Lake Lodge is the gateway lodge to the Bob Marshall Wilderness area—America's largest.

You will enjoy miles of groomed cross-country trails, unlimited ski touring and backcountry skiing. You will find pristine areas for snowshoeing, ice skating on our lake and dog sledding adventures.

After a great day of winter activities, enjoy exceptional Montana mountain food in our renowned dining room, the warmth of the roaring fire, a drink at our friendly bar and relaxation with friends in our sauna. Following restful evening activities you will love the comfort of your Ralph Lauren appointed lodge room or a cozy rustic lakeside cabin.

Come enjoy superb skiing, lodging and meals in a most spectacular Montana setting. Holland Lake Lodge will surpass your fondest dreams.

Vacation packages, including lodging and meals, starting per person: seven-day \$395, five-day \$285 and three-day \$175.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

HOLLAND LAKE LODGE

1947 Holland Lake Road
Swan Valley, MT 59826
800-648-8859 or 406-754-2282
Fax: 406-754-2208



MOUNTAIN TIMBERS WILDERNESS LODGE

Tucked in the heart of the Rocky Mountains of northwest Montana, you'll find Mountain Timbers—a magnificent hand-hewn hideaway that provides serenity, cross-country skiing and spectacular vistas into Glacier National Park.

Beyond the calm of our lodge, winding through 260 forested acres, we're renowned for our 15 km of professionally designed and groomed cross-country ski trails. Or enjoy backcountry skiing through the awesome beauty of Glacier Park, just seven miles away.

If you prefer speed to serenity, you'll find the entrance to the Canyon Creek Snowmobile Trail only minutes from our door. Downhill skiing at The Big Mountain is just 25 miles away.

When you return to our spacious lodge, built from 450-year-old logs, you'll find a massive rock and stone fireplace, comfortable sitting area, a fully stocked library and views of 10,000-ft. peaks in Glacier Park. You'll enjoy ending your day with a game of pool, a video or a soak in our jacuzzi. After a relaxing night's sleep under a cozy down comforter, you'll awaken the next morning to a complete country-style breakfast. At Mountain Timbers, you will discover the true Montana.

Open year-round, our lodge is also convenient to whitewater rafting, canoeing, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, golfing, restaurants and shopping.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

MOUNTAIN TIMBERS WILDERNESS LODGE

P.O. Box 94
West Glacier, MT 59936
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WADE LAKE RESORT

Located in the Hidden Lake chain of lakes in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Wade Lake Resort offers over 25 km of professionally track-set trails, miles of off trail skiing and telemark areas for skiers of all ability levels. With only three fully equipped housekeeping cabins nestled in the woods on the lake, and a five-mile over snow access, Wade Lake Resort offers a quiet, peaceful destination for couples or small groups.

Designated a Watchable Wildlife Viewing Site, Wade Lake, which stays partially ice-free in winter, provides habitat for bald eagles, trumpeter swans, waterfowl, river otters and beaver. From January through March, hundreds of native rainbow trout spawn in the stream below the resort. Instead of sharing the trails with people, you'll cross tracks with moose, elk, deer, coyote, bobcat, fox, ermine and snowshoe hares.

We provide a shuttle from the parking area off US 287 and the Madison River, or we'll shuttle your gear while you ski the trail in. After a vigorous day outdoors, soak in a wood-fired hot tub overlooking the lake. Prepare your own dinner or join us in the lodge.

If you're thinking of a winter trip to the Yellowstone area and would like the experience of a remote location, the assurance of great skiing in a Montana forest, and the comfort of your own cabin, then think of us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

WADE LAKE RESORT

P.O. Box 107
Cameron, MT 59720
406-682-7560



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YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES

Yellowstone National Park in winter is an experience never to be forgotten. The impatient crowds and harried pace of summer are gone. Large numbers of animals have slowly moved down from the high country to seek shelter in the thermal basins. Now is the time to see Yellowstone at its best.

Yellowstone Alpen Guides offers daily tours aboard warm, comfortable, ten-passenger traditional snowcoaches and new snowvans.

Alpen Guides is located in West Yellowstone at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Fly into Bozeman and rent a car, or relax and enjoy the 90-mile trip through scenic Gallatin Canyon on one of the regularly scheduled bus trips from Bozeman to West Yellowstone. Access is easy from Big Sky via private car or regularly scheduled bus service.

Tours depart daily at 9 am from mid-December through early March for all-day snowcoach adventures and skier drops to Old Faithful or the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YELLOWSTONE ALPEN GUIDES

P.O. Box 518W
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
800-858-3502
Fax: 406-646-9594
Email: yag@wyellowstone.com



YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITIONS

Let us show you the finest way to experience a true Yellowstone winter—at a skier's pace from our Yurt Camp.

Yellowstone Expeditions offers multi-day ski tours in Yellowstone National Park. Tours are based from the Canyon Skiers Yurt Camp, where you can enjoy comfort and hospitality (gourmet meals, shower and sauna included) while exploring backcountry ski trails with your ski guide.

From Canyon Skiers Camp we provide snowcoach shuttles to trailheads. Choose your destination for the day: Yellowstone's backcountry thermal basins, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Mt. Washburn tour and telemark day, spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing, great snow, great photography, great skiing!

We also offer Snowcoach Charter service and sightseeing daytrips from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful or to Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River and Falls.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITIONS

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Internet: www.yellowstoneonline.com/yellowstoneexpeditions



YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK LODGES

Winter may be the most magical season of all in Yellowstone. Snow transforms the park into another world. Steam billows from the geyser basins to drift in eerie clouds through frosty air. Wildlife is abundant. The park's smaller streams and rivers are sheathed in ice and waterfalls form great arches of icicles. You haven't seen Yellowstone until you've seen Yellowstone in winter!

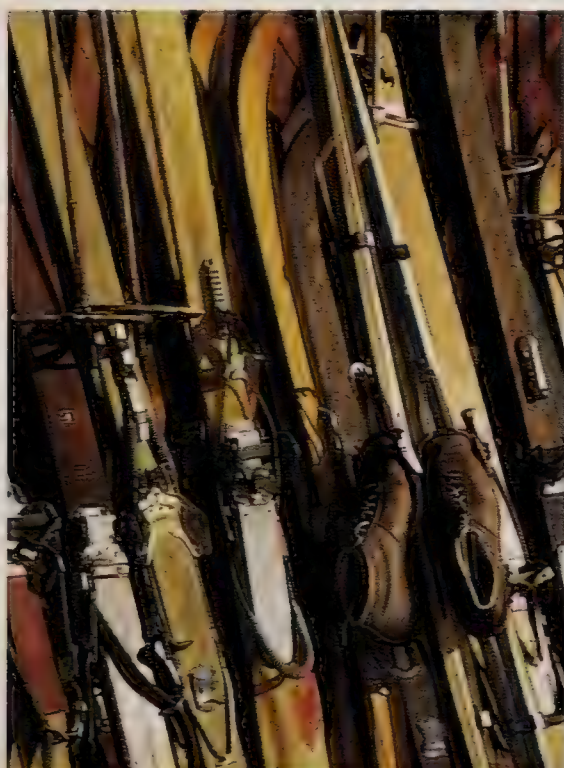
Mammoth Hot Springs is a vintage facility with all rooms housed in a four-story wing and Aspen Lodge. Beautiful, newly renovated dining room and lounge. Packages available in January. Old Faithful Snow Lodge, located next to the famous geyser it is named for, has rooms or cabins available. No telephones or televisions. A great getaway spot.

Enjoy cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and scenic/wildlife touring through 3,400 square miles of protected parklands. Reserve a complete and relaxing holiday trip to the world's first national park by booking one of our package tour programs or let us create a vacation custom made for you.

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With some of the longest, most scenic groomed trails

in the nation, Montana offers the perfect destination for snowmobilers. Imagine riding all day without crossing a highway! Montana greets snowmobilers with the enviable choice of 3,700 miles of groomed trails. This impressive network is the result of years of hard work and dedication on the part of the Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA), a group of individuals, snowmobile clubs and businesses dedicated to ensuring that snowmobiling in Montana remains a fun, safe and enriching experience for everyone. ❄️ MSA volunteers educate other riders about safety, outdoor survival and avalanche awareness. Others host fun rides, charity rides and special events throughout the season. In short, these snowmobile enthusiasts work hard so snowmobilers can play hard! So explore our snowy mountains and meadows, backcountry lakes, steaming hot springs and legendary ghost towns. Or catch a glimpse of Montana's varied wildlife...at a distance, please.

SNOWMOBILE



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SEASONS, SNOW CONDITIONS AND TIPS FOR SNOWMOBILERS

- ❖ The snowmobiling season generally runs from mid-December to April, with variations due to location and snowfall.
- ❖ Snow conditions are powdery early in the season, with hardpack developing as the season progresses.
- ❖ Temperatures vary widely but average in the 20s to 30s; below-zero temperatures are not uncommon.
- ❖ Snow depth ranges from one to three feet at lower elevations, six to 15 feet in the mountains.
- ❖ Snowmobiles on public lands must display a registration decal; snowmobiles registered in other states are not required to display a Montana registration decal. For unregistered snowmobiles, a non-resident, temporary-use permit is required.
- ❖ Snowmobilers riding on plowed streets that are open to snowmobile traffic must have a driver's license or possess a snowmobile safety certificate and travel with an adult.
- ❖ All motorized vehicles are prohibited from operating in federally designated wilderness areas. It is the rider's responsibility to know his or her location at all times.

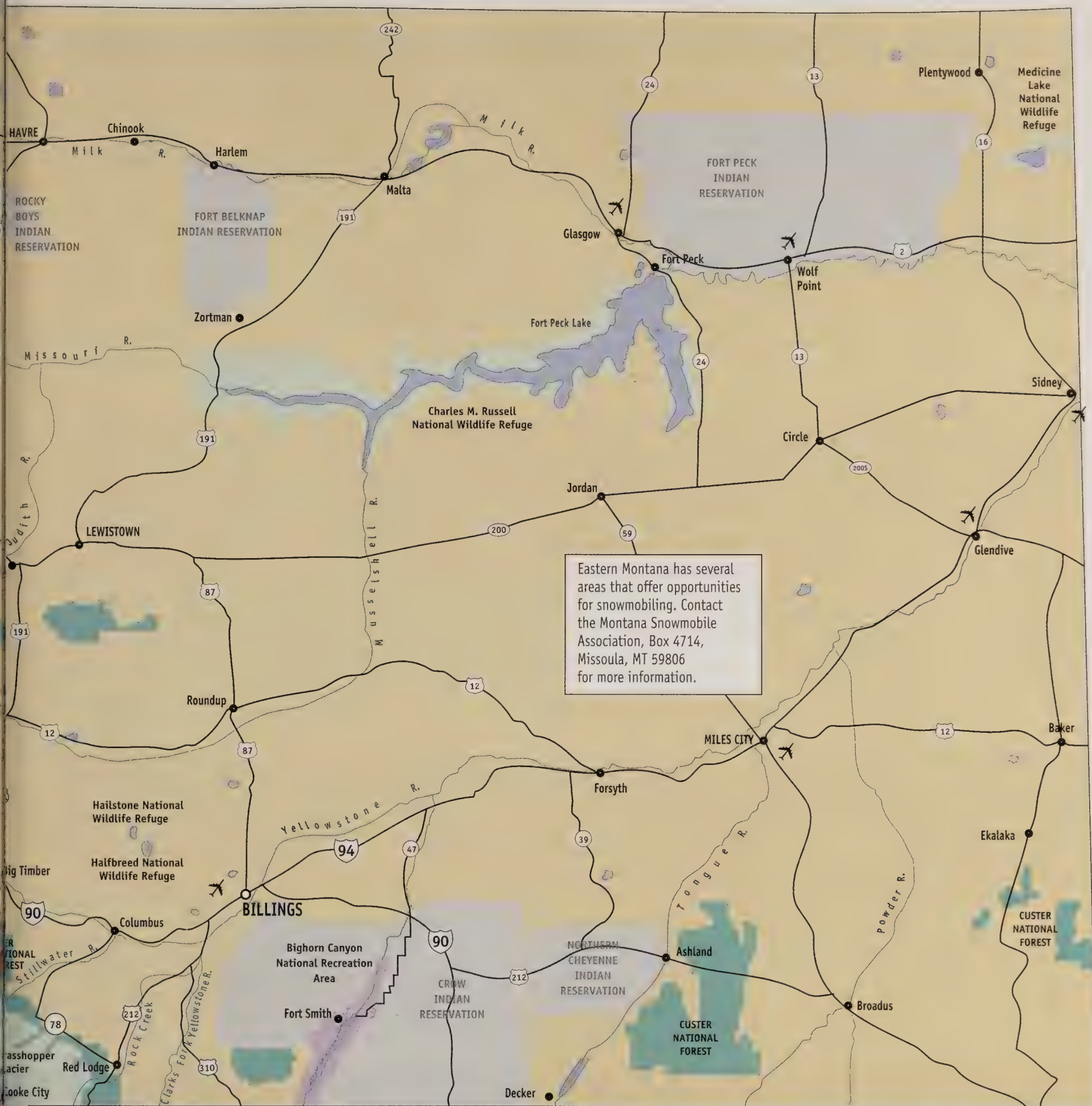
Call the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department at 406-444-2535 for information on non-resident permits and safety certification requirements.

For more information about snowmobiling in Montana, contact:
Montana Snowmobile Association
P.O. Box 4714, Missoula, MT 59806





SNOWMOBILING AREAS



(For detailed information about these areas, see charts on pages 32-37.)

WYOMING

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|---|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Cut Bank | 7 Seeley Lake | 13 Helena | 19 Big Timber |
| 2 Flathead Valley (Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Bigfork, Kalispell) | 8 Hamilton/Skalkaho | 14 Lincoln | 20 Bozeman/Big Sky |
| 3 Haugan/Thompson Falls | 9 Deer Lodge | 15 Virginia City/Ennis | 21 Cooke City/Silver Gate |
| 4 Libby/Ten Lakes Scenic Area/Yaak | 10 Dillon/Polaris | 16 Wisdom/Jackson/Sula | 22 Livingston |
| 5 Lolo Pass | 11 Garnet | 17 Wise River | 23 West Yellowstone |
| 6 Mission Mountains | 12 Georgetown Lake | 18 Butte | 24 Kings Hill/Little Belts |

SNOWMOBILING QUICK REFERENCE CHART

AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
CUT BANK 	Marias Pass is midway between Cut Bank and Kalispell on US 2. Amtrak has scheduled east-west service with stops in Cut Bank, East Glacier and Essex.	Those who like their winters wild can test their mettle at northwest Montana's Marias Pass Trail Complex. Straddling the Continental Divide, these trails are rugged and remote. A wide range of riding is available, from intermediate to expert, on 45 miles of groomed trails and another 35 miles of ungroomed trails. Guides are advisable on some trails. Steep slopes, avalanches and sudden storms make for extreme weather conditions.	Marias Pass, 5,280'; trails to 8,000'	38 miles
FLATHEAD VALLEY (Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Bigfork, Kalispell) 	The Flathead Valley encompasses the communities of Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Kalispell and Bigfork in northwest Montana and can be accessed via US 93 and US 2. Air service is centrally located at Glacier Park International Airport (FCA). Amtrak has regular east-west rail service to Whitefish, just minutes from trailheads.	Northwest Montana's Recreation Wonderland boasts over 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, with nearly 2,000 miles of U.S.D.A Forest Service roads that take you into great hill climbing, powder play areas, wildlife viewing and spectacular ridgetop views of Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies. Add to that more than 4,000 acres of skiing at The Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort, ample cross-country skiing, ice fishing, ice skating and dog sledding and you have a true winter playground.	Kalispell, 2,956'; trails to 7,000'	220 miles
HAUGAN/ THOMPSON FALLS 	Haugan is on the I-90 Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana, 90 miles west of Missoula on I-90 and 110 miles east of Spokane.	Haugan offers snowmobiling opportunities for all abilities. It's one of those great places that combines vast riding possibilities with a family atmosphere. Trails begin right off I-90. Lots of cross-country ski territory. You'll see friendly faces at trailside stops in Haugan, St. Regis, De Borgia, Saltese and Thompson Falls, with designated trails, open meadows, scenic views and abundant wildlife. One main loop provides access to a 1,000-mile trail system headquartered in Wallace, Idaho.	Haugan-Lookout Pass, 4,725'; trails to 5,000'. Thompson Falls-Thompson Pass, 4,852'; trails to 6,407'	150 miles
LIBBY/ TEN LAKES SCENIC AREA/ YAAK 	Libby is on US 2 in extreme northwest Montana. Nearest airports are Kalispell, 90 miles east on US 2 and Spokane, 165 miles west on US 2. Eureka is 66 miles northwest of Kalispell.	High in the Cabinet and Purcell mountains, you can ride forever and see even farther. Headquarters for this year-round recreation area is the Scandinavian town of Libby, home of miners, loggers and all who love the outdoors. If you're looking for the "real" Montana, you'll find it here or in the neighboring towns of Troy, Eureka, Fortine or Yaak. Check on trail conditions before going out, as trails are groomed intermittently.	Libby, 2,066'; trails to 5,800'; Fortine, 2,965'; trails to 5,800'	153 miles
LOLO PASS 	Lolo Pass is on US 12 at the Montana-Idaho border, 45 miles southwest of Missoula. Nearest airport is Missoula.	At Lolo Hot Springs visitors enjoy the same soothing waters that bathed the weary members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition nearly 200 years ago. Starting at either Lolo Hot Springs or at Lolo Pass seven miles west, snowmobilers can conduct their own modern-day explorations, using 250 miles of groomed, connecting trails in the Lolo and Clearwater national forests.	Missoula, 3,200'; Lolo Hot Springs, 4,160'; trails to 6,500'	250 miles
MISSION MOUNTAINS 	Ronan is between Missoula and Kalispell on US 93 in western Montana. Nearest airports are Missoula, 55 miles south and Kalispell, 65 miles north.	Few people are content merely to look at the Mission Mountains. Maybe more than any other mountain range in Montana, these jagged peaks beckon visitors to come closer and explore. Because the trails are on the Flathead Indian Reservation, snowmobilers need special recreation permits widely available at gas stations and convenience stores on the reservation. Snowmobiling is prohibited in the Mission Mountains Wilderness Area.	Ronan, 3,200'; trails to 7,000'	45 miles
SEELEY LAKE 	Seeley Lake is 15 miles north of the junction of MT 83 and 200 in western Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula, 60 miles west via MT 200 and I-90.	Tucked between the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range on scenic MT 83, Seeley Lake is one of western Montana's most popular year-round recreation areas. Starting from town, snowmobilers can fan out in nearly every direction to scenic lookouts, cozy lodges, cafes and backcountry lakes for ice fishing.	Seeley Lake, 4,000'; trails to 7,000'	230 miles
HAMILTON/ SKALKAHO 	Access to the Skalkaho snowmobile area is two miles south of Hamilton, then 15 miles east on Skalkaho Hwy 38. Hamilton is 50 miles south of Missoula on US 93 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is located in Missoula.	One of Montana's least-traveled snowmobile areas is one of the most scenic. In summer, the Skalkaho Highway from Hamilton to the Georgetown Lake area is a scenic alternative to I-90. In winter, it is the kind of trail that snowmobilers dream about. Closed to automobile traffic, it allows privileged views of frozen Skalkaho Falls, tall peaks and deep canyons.	Hamilton, 3,572'; Skalkaho Pass, 7,260'; trails to 8,000'	56 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Popular trails originating at Marias Pass are Two Medicine, Skyland and Pike Creek . These are rugged trails on the Lewis & Clark and Flathead national forests south of Glacier Park and north of the Great Bear Wilderness. There are additional ungroomed trails in the area.	Snowmobile service and rentals, lodging and food are available at Essex, 15 miles west on US 2; lodging and food at East Glacier, 12 miles east.	Cut Bank Snowgoers , Box 301, Cut Bank, MT 59427; Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce , Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427, 406-873-4041; Lewis & Clark National Forest , 1101 15th St. N., Box 869, Great Falls, MT 59403, 406-791-7700; Rocky Mountain Ranger District , Box 340, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341
Canyon Creek to The Big Mountain begins north of Columbia Falls and crosses Werner Peak to connect with the Olney Creek and Taylor Creek trails. Continuing north, the Graves Creek/Mount Marston trail system goes over the Whitefish Mountain Range to upper Whitefish and Red Meadow Lakes. Between Hungry Horse and the Great Bear Wilderness is the Desert Mountain area and south of Bigfork, between Flathead Lake and Swan Lake, are the Crane Mountain and Allard areas.	The Flathead Valley offers a full range of visitor services, including snowmobile sales, service and rentals. Guided tours may be arranged through the Flathead Snowmobile Association. Great lodging facilities are located in each community and range from bed & breakfasts, cabins, condos, lodges and ranches to small, independent motels and deluxe, full service hotels/convention centers.	Flathead Convention & Visitor Bureau (FCVB) , 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-543-3105. Call the FCVB for a free trail guide and information on Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Whitefish, Flathead Snowmobile Association, South Fork Snowmobile Association and Flathead National Forest .
In Haugan, popular groomed trails on the Lolo National Forest are Ford Hill/Old Mullan Pass, Packer Creek/Randolph Creek, Packer Creek/Timber Creek, Norpac, Milwaukee/Dominion, Deer Creek/Up Up and Taft Summit . These are easy-to-intermediate trails that follow waterline routes and provide loop tours with access to meadows and play area.	Fuel, food and lodging are available in Haugan, St. Regis, De Borgia, Saltese and Thompson Falls. Limited snowmobile service in Thompson Falls. Snowmobile sales and full service in Heron, 40 miles from Thompson Falls and in Wallace, Idaho.	Montana Nightriders Snowmobile Club , Box 420242, Haugan, MT 59842, 406-678-4242; Superior Ranger District , Lolo National Forest, Box 460, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4233; Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce , Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930
There's the rugged Keeler-Rattle trail system with its magnificent views of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness and proposed Scotchman Peak Wilderness; the Purcell Mountains with 60 miles of loop trails and play areas, all near Turner Mountain ski area and the Pete Creek Trail that travels to mountain bowls and alpine lakes. Another popular trail is the 36-mile Grave Creek Road with great views of Glacier.	Food and lodging facilities are available in Libby, Troy, Yaak, Eureka and Fortine. Snowmobile service is available in Eureka, Fortine and Libby, with snowmobile sales in Libby. Guided tours can be arranged through the Lincoln County Snow-Kats Snowmobile Club.	Libby Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest , 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773; Three Rivers Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest , 1437 N. US 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693; Fortine Ranger District , Box 116, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4451; Libby Chamber of Commerce , Box 704, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-4167; Lincoln County Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club , 2072 Iron Creek Rd., Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-5858; Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club , Box 131, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4474
A series of interconnecting loop trails straddle two national forests on the Montana-Idaho border. East Fork, Lost Park System, Elk Meadows and Moose Ridge are just some of the trails that lead deep into the heart of the Bitterroot Range, with lots of meadows and play areas along the way.	Food, lodging, swimming and RV camping are available at Lolo Hot Springs. A full range of visitor services, including snowmobile rentals, sales and service, are available in Missoula.	Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest , Building 24A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3750; Powell Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest , Lolo, MT 59847, 208-942-3113; Missoula Snowgoers , 5309 Rattlesnake Dr., Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-4558; Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau , 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465
The Boulder Trail starts just off MT 35 near Finley Point on Flathead Lake; the first 10 miles are groomed to the top of the range, where the trail connects with nearly 60 miles of ungroomed trails through forest openings. The ungroomed Jocko Lake Trail provides a 35-mile ride over the Missions that connects with groomed trails on the Seeley Lake side.	Snowmobile sales and service are available in Ronan. The nearest rentals are in Kalispell and Columbia Falls. Guided tours may be arranged through the Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club in Ronan. A wide variety of food and lodging services are available throughout the Mission and Flathead valleys.	Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club , 112 Main St. S.W., Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-5000
Popular trails include Double Arrow Lookout , with views of the Swan Range and Clearwater Valley; Elsina Lake , site of Sunday cookouts with the Seeley Lake Driftriders Snowmobile Club; Seeley Lake-Ovando , a favorite for those who like to dine and dash; Marshall Lake , a scenic 15-mile loop and Holland Lake , a high elevation ride that rewards its finishers with a friendly lodge and cabins on a beautiful lake.	Snowmobile sales, service, guides and rentals, plus lodging and food are available in Seeley Lake. Lodging available at Holland Lake Lodge. Limited services are available on the trail.	Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest , HC31, Box 3200, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233; Seeley Lake Driftriders , Box 174, Seeley Lake, MT 59868; Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce , Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880
Skalkaho Pass Area offers 25 miles of groomed trails. From there, open areas and ungroomed trails offer a wide variety of terrain for all skill levels. The Skalkaho-Sleeping Child-Rye Creek Area has 31 miles of groomed trails, looping through higher elevations, through a burned area and back to the head of Rye Creek. The loop can also be entered from Rye Creek, south of Darby.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals are available in Hamilton. A wide variety of food and lodging is available in Hamilton and throughout the Bitterroot Valley.	Bitterroot National Forest Office , 1801 N. 1st St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-3131; Darby Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest , Box 388, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3913; Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce , 105 E. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400; Bitterroot Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club , Box 265, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-4689

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AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
DEER LODGE 	Deer Lodge is 80 miles east of Missoula and 40 miles west of Butte in westcentral Montana. Accessed from I-90. Nearest airport is Butte.	By the Clark Fork River on I-90 in a long valley between snow-covered mountains is the historic city of Deer Lodge. This easily accessible area is a hit with family groups as well as those looking for adventure. Enjoy wide open spaces under a big blue sky.	5,300' at the trailhead; trails to 8,000'	40 miles
DILLON/ POLARIS 	33 miles northwest of Dillon, off Route 278, in southwest Montana. May be reached from the north from MT 43. Nearest airport is Butte, about one hour north on I-15. Daily north-south bus service to Dillon.	One of Montana's better-kept secrets lies in the pristine mountain valleys in the southwest corner of the state. The mountains are the Pioneers and the place is the Grasshopper and Big Hole valley region. The trail system follows a scenic route between Wise River and the Grasshopper Valley, a designated National Forest Scenic Byway.	Dillon, 5,100'; trails to 8,400'	200 miles
GARNET 	The ghost town is about 30 miles east of Missoula and can be reached from either MT 200 or I-90. Nearest airport is Missoula.	Less than a century ago, a prosperous gold mining town that boasted a dozen saloons, numerous hotels, brothels, stores, blacksmith shops and homes for more than a thousand residents. Today, thanks to the Garnet Preservation Association and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, a 100-mile trail system has opened the town to snowmobilers and skiers, providing a link to an important era in the development of the Rocky Mountain West. Enjoy spectacular views of the Blackfoot Valley, the Mission Mountains, the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Pintler Range.	4,200' at the trailhead; trails to 7,000'	100 miles
GEORGETOWN LAKE 	Pintler Scenic Route (MT 1 between Drummond and Anaconda, off I-90 in southwest Montana). Nearest airports are Butte, 50 miles east on I-90 and Missoula, 80 miles west on I-90.	One of Montana's most popular lakes is the centerpiece of a winter sports area that offers snowmobiling, ice fishing, downhill and cross-country skiing. On the Pintler Scenic Route, Georgetown Lake is surrounded by mountains and wilderness. There's an abundance of silver salmon in Georgetown Lake and fun at nearby downhill slopes, Nordic trails and mineral hot springs swimming pools.	Georgetown, 6,400'; trails to 9,000'	90 miles
HELENA 	Helena is at the junction of I-15, US 12 and US 287, on the east slope of the Rockies in western Montana. Fly into Helena or drive I-15 or US 287 north-south or US 12 east-west.	Visitors return again and again just to explore the mountains and trails within an hour's drive of the city. Extending from Helena in nearly every direction are 245 miles of trails leading to ghost towns, high mountain ridges and lakes, plus unlimited exploring on thousands of acres of national forest.	Helena, 4,000'; trails to 8,000'	245 miles
LINCOLN 	Lincoln is midway between Great Falls and Missoula on MT 200. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 90 miles northeast, Missoula, 80 miles west and Helena, 60 miles southeast on Route 279.	Start your weekend with a cup of coffee or cocoa at the Snow Warriors' clubhouse, then explore more than 250 miles of groomed trails and unlimited play areas. Eight major trails start right in town where sledding is permitted on the streets. Most trails are lightly traveled, with breathtaking views around every turn. Deer, elk and an occasional moose may be seen.	Lincoln, 4,575'; trails to 8,200'	250 miles
VIRGINIA CITY/ENNIS 	Ennis is on US 287, 45 miles south of I-90 and 70 miles north of Yellowstone National Park, in southwest Montana. Virginia City is 14 miles west of Ennis on US 287.	One of Montana's most popular summer attractions, the restored gold mining camp of Virginia City is a treasure in winter. An 1863 gold strike lured thousands of fortune seekers to its main street, Alder Gulch. Sledding is permitted in town and building tours may be arranged for groups. Within sledding distance of town is a trail system that opens up the Gravelly Range.	Virginia City, 5,822'; trails to 8,000'	130 miles
WISDOM/ JACKSON/ SULA 	Junction of MT 43 and Route 278, west of I-15, in extreme southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Butte.	Cold, dry powder snow comes early and stays late, assuring great sledding. If you seek challenge and solitude and don't mind sharing the trails with moose, elk and other wintering wildlife, Wisdom is the place for you. There are friendly folks in town to keep you company after the sun goes down, plus hot springs resorts and downhill and cross-country skiing nearby.	Wisdom, 6,058'; trails to 7,500'	150 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
The snowmobile trailhead is eight miles southeast of the city center and has ample parking. 88 miles of marked and groomed trails lead to Champion Pass, the Continental Divide, Leadville, White House Campground and other points of interest.	Food, lodging, fuel and vehicle repair in Deer Lodge. Snowmobile repair in Butte, 40 miles east.	Deer Lodge Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , #1 Hollenback Rd., Deer Lodge, MT 59722, 406-846-1770; Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club , Box 44, Deer Lodge, MT 59722
Trails to the ghost town of Coolidge and the Elkhorn Mine. Major groomed trails heading west tie into the Wisdom/Jackson trail system at Bear Lake (see Wisdom/Jackson) and head north to the Wise River trail system (see Wise River). Heading south to Reservoir Lake you can join the trails of the Salmon, Idaho snowmobiling club.	Food, lodging, fuel, guide service, snowmobile and clothing rentals available at Polaris. Food, lodging, fuel, snowmobile sales and service available in Dillon. Rental Forest Service cabins at Bear and Reservoir Lakes. Cross-country ski trails and downhill skiing nearby.	Dillon Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-3900; Beaverhead Sno-Riders , Box 867, Dillon, MT 59825, 406-683-6333 or 406-683-2205
The core of this trail system is the 31.5-mile Garnet National Winter Recreation Trail , which takes snowmobilers and skiers into the heart of the ghost town and the surrounding area. Secondary trails, including First Chance Gulch, Top O'Deep, Chamberlain Creek , take recreationists to higher elevations.	There are no commercial services in Garnet. Cabin rentals are available (during winter only) through the Garnet Preservation Association. A full range of services, including snowmobile sales, rentals and service, are available in Missoula, 30 miles west on MT 200 and at Seeley Lake. Food and lodging are also available in Drummond off I-90 south of Garnet.	Garnet Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management , 3255 Fort Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3914; Garnet Preservation Association , Box 8531, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-1031; Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau , 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465
Four major trail systems include Carp Ridge , which ends at the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness boundary; Peterson Meadows , a popular spot for cookouts and picnics; Red Lion Racetrack Lake with ridgetop views of surrounding peaks; and Echo Lake , halfway between Georgetown Lake and Discovery Basin ski area. Other popular trails are Storm Lake, Moose Lake and Warm Springs Creek .	Snowmobile sales and service are available in nearby Philipsburg and Anaconda. Fuel, food and lodging are available at Georgetown Lake and in Philipsburg and Anaconda. Guided tours may be arranged through the Anaconda Snowmobile Club.	Philipsburg Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , Box H, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-3211; Anaconda Snowmobile Club , 150 Fireweed Ln., Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-7945
There are three major trail systems, all within a 30-minute drive of Helena. The Marysville area has 45 miles of groomed trails. Just 10 miles from Helena is the Minnehaha-Rimini area with 120 miles of groomed trails northeast of Helena, there are 45 miles of groomed trails in the Magpie-Sunshine area that include inspiring views of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in Helena. Guided tours may be arranged through the Helena Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club.	Helena Ranger District, Helena National Forest , 2001 Poplar, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-5490; Helena Snowdrifters , 1813 N. Oakes, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-2685; Helena Chamber of Commerce , 225 Cruse Ave., Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-4120
Popular trails include scenic Huckleberry Pass , a tree-lined route with several play areas which connects to the Seeley Lake Trail system; Keep Cool , a scenic lake tour; Stonewall Mountain , an advanced ride with spectacular views; Dalton Mountain , an easy trail with play areas; Alice Creek , scenic territory with play areas. There are a few restricted areas, lots of play areas and plenty of variety for all skill levels.	Snowmobile sales, rentals, licensed guide services, lodging, food and fuel are all available in Lincoln. Join the Ponderosa Snow Warriors Snowmobile Club at their heated clubhouse for poker runs, moonlight rides and picnics all season long.	Lincoln Ranger District, Helena National Forest , Box 219 Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4265; Ponderosa Snow Warriors , Box 955, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4078 or 406-362-4335; Lincoln Valley Chamber of Commerce , P.O. Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4949
The 54-mile Gravelly Range trail system in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests follows Alder Gulch Canyon and leads you to old mining claims and the ghost town of Summit City. Side trips include the Bachelor Creek Loop, Clover Meadows and Axolotl Lake . Experienced snowmobilers may sled to seven high mountain lakes with high rock faces in the Meadow Creek area. Antelope Basin/MT 87 can be accessed from Cliff Lake Lodge for 75 miles groomed trail.	Food, fuel and lodging, snowmobile rentals and service available in Ennis. Bed & breakfast in Virginia City.	Madison Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-4253; Madison Valley Snow Snakes , Box 106, Cameron, MT 59720, 406-682-7152; Outback and Beyond Trail Club , Box 1314, Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-7335; Vigilante Snowmobilers , Box 145, Virginia City, MT
Join the popular Wise River-Polaris Trail (see Dillon/Polaris) and Wise River trails (see Wise River) or the Steel Creek trails just east of Wisdom or head west on the Gibbonsville Road , which continues all the way to Salmon, Idaho. The Placer Creek Trail crosses the Continental Divide near Lost Trail Pass and drops into the Bitterroot Valley. Snowmobilers will also enjoy the Stewart Meadow Complex in this system.	Food, lodging and fuel in Wisdom and Jackson. Snowmobile sales and service in Jackson.	Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , Box 238, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3243; Big Hole Snowmobile Club , Box 141, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3400; Sula Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest , 7338 Hwy. 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 406-821-3201

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WISE RIVER 	MT 43, 12 miles west of I-15 between Butte and Dillon. Nearest airport is Butte.	In December, snow transforms these mountains and river valleys into a giant snowmobile park. Choose one of the many trails within the system, rent a cabin at the end of the trail or ride your snowmobile to nearby Maverick Mountain for an afternoon of downhill skiing. Snowmobiling is permitted in the town of Wise River. The Wise River—Elkhorn Hot Spring National Recreation Snowmobile Trail connects Wise River with the Grasshopper Valley.	Wise River, 5,500'; trails to 9,400'	150 miles
BUTTE 	Butte is at the junction of Interstate 90 and Interstate 15. Use either highway or fly into Bert-Mooney Airport.	Nestled on the Continental Divide, Butte is minutes away from some of Southwest Montana's best snowmobiling. Only 10 miles from the Elk Park trail system that also ties into the Deer Lodge trail system. Only 18 miles from the Fleecer riding area and only 40 miles from the Wise River area. Butte is 45 miles from the Georgetown Lake Recreation Area.	Butte, 5,200'; Elk Park, 6,500'; Fleecer, 6500+'	52 miles in Elk Park
BIG TIMBER 	I-90 between Bozeman and Billings in southcentral Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 60 miles west.	Glide along a river, through a canyon to the old mining town of Independence and over 25 miles of groomed trail south of Big Timber in the scenic Boulder River Valley. Surrounded on three sides by designated wilderness, the Boulder Canyon Trail follows a beautiful roaded corridor that divides the towering peaks of the Absaroka and Beartooth ranges.	Big Timber, 4,072'; trails to 9,000'	34 miles
BOZEMAN/ BIG SKY 	Southwest Montana on I-90 between Billings and Butte. Fly into Bozeman. Drive I-90 east-west or US 191/287 north-south.	Bozeman is perfectly located for the winter sports lover. Close to snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park and within minutes of some of Montana's finest downhill and cross-country skiing, Bozeman is a prime winter destination. The park lies just 90 miles south through the scenic Gallatin River Canyon. You can sled most of the way on the popular Big Sky Snowmobile Trail.	Bozeman, 4,755'; trails to 9,500'	200 miles
COOKE CITY/ SILVER GATE 	Extreme southcentral Montana on US 212. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 140 miles northwest on I-90, US 89 and Mammoth-Cooke City Hwy. Car access is through northern Yellowstone National Park. US 212, east of Cooke City, is closed in winter.	A friendly community of "80 people, dogs, moose and an occasional bison." Gateway to Yellowstone and the spectacular Beartooth high country, Cooke City/Silver Gate enjoys perhaps the longest winter sports season in Montana. The makers of both Yamaha and Arctic Cat snowmobiles have chosen the area as a test site and promotional film location for their machines.	Cooke City, 7,600'; trails to 10,000'	60 miles
LIVINGSTON 	Junction of I-90 and US 89 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, about 30 minutes west on I-90.	Two of Montana's most spectacular mountain ranges—the Absarokas and the Crazyes—provide a majestic setting for the Yellowstone River community of Livingston. Winter recreationists are equally drawn to the forested canyons and top-of-the-world views.	Livingston, 4,489'; trails to 7,800'	84 miles
WEST YELLOWSTONE/ GARDINER 	West Yellowstone is at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park at the junction of US 191/287 and US 20. Gardiner is on US 89 north of Yellowstone. Nearest airport is Bozeman.	West Yellowstone tops every snowmobiler's dream list of places to go. The trail system begins right in town, where snowmobilers share city streets with motorists. Choose from 200 miles of groomed trails inside the park or 400 miles outside. The town of Gardiner is just outside the park's North Entrance, which is another access point to park trails.	West Yellowstone, 6,666'; trails to 10,000'	600 miles
KINGS HILL/ LITTLE BELTS 	US 89 between Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs in central Montana. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 65 miles north and Helena, 110 miles southwest on US 89 and 12.	With plenty of space, an abundance of powder and miles of separate trails, Kings Hill is one of Montana's most popular sports areas. Showdown, Silver Crest cross-country ski area and the trailheads to more than 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails are all within a mile of one another in the Little Belt Mountains 65 miles south of Great Falls. Great hill climbing and challenging ungroomed trails await more experienced snowmobilers, with gentle groomed loops set up for the new riders and the families who enjoy getting out to ride in the clear crisp air of our beautiful Big Sky country.	7,000' at parking lot; trails 6,000' to 8,000'	225 miles

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Trails include Quartz Hill , leading to a massive, high plateau; Anderson Meadows , which leads to backcountry lakes and meadow play areas. Pattengail travels eight miles to Pattengail Falls. Lacy Creek has 10 miles of groomed and ungroomed trails to five high mountain lakes. Other trails are Bryant Creek and the Highline and a cabin rental.	Snowmobile service in Wise River. Fuel, food and lodging in Wise River and on the Wise River-Polaris trail. Guided tours may be arranged through the Wise River Jackpine Savages Snowmobile Club.	Wise River Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , Box 100, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3178; Wise River Jackpine Savages , Box 65, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3258
Elk Park trails offer a 52-mile loop through the Lowlands and Lockhart areas with groomed family trails and some open play areas. This loop connects with the Deer Lodge Trail system for extending riding areas. A convenient parking area with easy access is just 2 miles off Interstate 90.	All services are available in Butte, from hotels, motels, restaurants, entertainment and shopping. Full service dealerships for all major brands are waiting to serve you in Butte. Rentals are available in the Georgetown Lake area.	Butte Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , 1820 Meadowlark, Butte, MT 59701, 406-494-2147; Jefferson Ranger District , 3 Whitehall Rd., Whitehall, MT 59759; High Country Trail Riders , Box 473, Butte, MT 59701, 406-494-8442.
Two trails provide plenty of variety in the Gallatin National Forest south of Big Timber. The 25-mile Boulder Canyon Trail takes snowmobilers to bowls, meadows and the abandoned mining town of Independence. The upper seven miles are moderate to difficult. Shorter and easier is the East Boulder-Dry Fork Trail with extensive play areas along its seven-mile length.	Snowmobile sales and service, food and lodging are available in Big Timber.	Big Timber Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest , Box 196, Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5155; Sweet Grass County Recreation Association , Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5319
Included in the system is the 120-mile Big Sky Snowmobile Trail between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. Five access routes make shorter loops for easier rides. Buck Creek Ridge , off US 191 south of Big Sky, provides miles of excellent play area. Forest Service rental cabin on top of Yellow Creek Divide. North of town are the Brackett-Fairy Lake and Olsen Creek-Bangtail Ridge trails.	A full range of services is available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon. Lodging and food range from modest to elegant. All makes of snowmobiles are sold and serviced. Rentals are available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon at Big Sky. Guided tours can be arranged through rental operators or the Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association.	Bozeman Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest , 3710 Fallon St., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-587-6920; Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association , 409 S. Grand, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-3437; Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce , Box B, 1205 E. Main St., Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-586-5421
Popular connecting trails are Daisy Pass Road , Lulu Pass Road , Round Lake and Henderson Mountain . The Cooke City trail system connects with 50 miles of groomed trails in Wyoming.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, lodging and food are available in Cooke City. Guided tours may be arranged through the Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club.	Gardiner Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest , Box 5, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7375; Yellowstone National Park , WY, 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206; Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club , Box 39, Silver Gate, MT 59081, 406-838-2212 or 406-838-2414; Cooke City/Silver Gate Chamber of Commerce , Box 1071, Cooke City, MT 59020, 406-838-2495
20-mile Shields Loop , with Forest Service cabin rental nearby; the 15-mile Cottonwood/Trespass Trail ; the Ibex Cabin Trail , also with Forest Service cabin rental; the Mill Creek and the Rock Creek South , with trails for a variety of skill levels.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus a full range of food and lodging are available in Livingston. Rentals are available in Gardiner and at Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park, about an hour south of Livingston on US 89. Guided tours may be arranged through the Big Sky Snowriders Snowmobile Club.	Livingston Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest , 5242 Hwy 89 S., Box 3197, Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1892; Big Sky Snowriders , 318 S. 5th St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1863 or 406-222-2676; Livingston Chamber of Commerce , 212 W. Park St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-0850
All Yellowstone National Park roads except Mammoth to Cooke City and Canyon to Tower are open to snowmobiles. Ride from West Yellowstone to the Grand Loop , which takes you to Old Faithful, Yellowstone Lake, Norris Geyser Basin and many other of the park's favorite attractions. There are also hundreds of miles of trails in the Gallatin, Beaverhead-Deerlodge and Targhee forests in this system.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in West Yellowstone and Gardiner. Guided tours and packages are also available. Inside the park, lodging, food and fuel are available.	West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce , Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7701; Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest , Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7369; Yellowstone National Park , WY 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206
Popular loop trails are Divide Road , Kings Hill and Big Loop , all with big powder play areas, unforgettable panoramic views and fun side trails for all levels of riders. Other popular trails are Deadman , Lamb Creek and Jumping Creek . Joining Kings Hill from the east is the Little Belt Trail that follows the South Fork of the Judith and includes the large hill climbing/play area of Musselshell Hill.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus food and lodging in Great Falls and Lewistown. Snowmobile rentals and lunch at Showdown. Fuel, food and lodging in Lewistown, White Sulphur Springs, Monarch and Neihart. Guided tours available. A parking area, large enough to accommodate RVs is located on US 89, with overflow parking in the area as well.	Kings Hill Ranger District, Lewis & Clark National Forest , 204 West Folsom, Box A, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 406-547-3361; Great Falls Snowmobile Club , Box 6032, Great Falls, MT 59406; Little Belt Snowmobile Club , Box 355, Hobson, MT 59452 or 648 N.E. Washington, Lewistown, MT 59457

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MONTANA HIGH COUNTRY TOURS LODGE & SNOWMOBILES

1036 E. Reeder St., Dillon, MT 59725 ☎ 406-683-4920 or 406-834-3469
Internet: <http://www.mhct.com>

Montana's greatest snowmobiling made easy for you! Escape the hectic pace and crowds and find every imaginable detail of your snowmobile vacation in one place. We offer complete snowmobile packages that include lodging, meals, snowmobile and clothing rental, guide service and airport shuttles.

FACILITIES

Guests enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of our deluxe mountain lodge complete with indoor jacuzzi and the latest digital satellite TV system. Delicious Western family-style meals are prepared for you. You are able to ride safely right from our lodge without the hassle of automobile traffic. Cabins also available, some with kitchens.

TRAILS

Out our back door, we have 200 miles of groomed trails, plenty of play areas with breathtaking scenery for the beginner and over a half-million acres of Montana's most pristine backcountry where unlimited and unrestricted trails, powder parks, hill climbing bowls and unrivaled sky-top views await the more experienced rider. There are mountain lakes by the score, scenic vistas you will never forget, abandoned ghost towns to explore, abundant wildlife to view, smooth, uncongested trails and untracked powder to play in, even days after a storm!

SEASON

The Pioneer Mountain National Scenic Byway/Snowmobile Trail and surrounding national forest are open to snowmobiles only from December 1 to May 15. Our snowmobile season is from mid-December to mid-April.

LOCATION

Montana High Country Tours Lodge and Snowmobiles is located in the upper Grasshopper Valley between the East and West Pioneer Mountains, 35 miles west of Dillon and only one mile from Maverick Mountain Ski Area. Fly to Butte or Bozeman, rent a car or have our shuttle service pick you up.



MONTANA HIGH COUNTRY TOURS

INSTRUCTION-GUIDE SERVICE

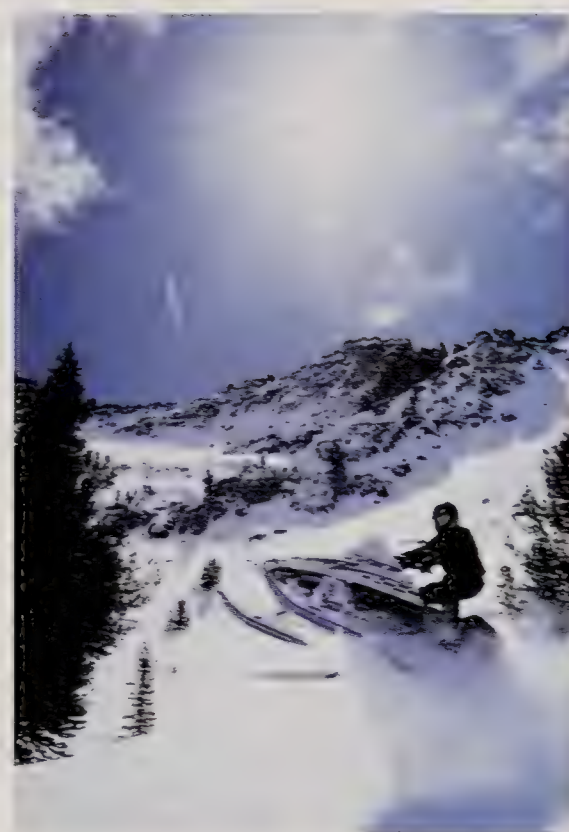
If you have never ridden before, our experienced staff can help you feel comfortable with your snowmobile in short order. They will take you to areas that will match your ability and teach you how to ride in various conditions so you can get the most enjoyment out of your snowmobile vacation. If you are an experienced rider looking to find some exciting riding in the outback, our guides will take you to the best!

SNOWMOBILES

We offer a wide selection of the latest model machines ranging from standard to performance, single- or double-riding, trail, powder or backcountry. All machines are equipped with hand warmers and dash bags, some with electric start and reverse.

DAY RENTAL OR PACKAGES

Choose from guided or unguided rental, single day or one of our all-inclusive multiple day snowmobile packages. Snowmobile/ski and other customized packages available. Call today and let us customize the exact snowmobile vacation you are looking for!



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RENDEZVOUS SNOWMOBILE RENTALS

P.O. Box 580, West Yellowstone, MT 59758 ☎ 800-426-7669, 406-646-9353 ☎ Fax: 406-646-9353

See Yellowstone at its best on a snowmobile. Nearly 200 miles of groomed trails inside the park make it easy for the beginner to see this winter wonderland comfortably and safely. Outside the park, hundreds of miles of trails lead to Two Top, Lionhead, South Plateau, Horsebutte, Madison Arm and Big Springs. Or spend a day meadow-hopping, playing on moguls and dashing through deep powder.

LOCATION

West Yellowstone is centrally located between Yellowstone Park's snowmobile trail system and a vast network of trails outside the park. From Big Sky, the drive is only about an hour on US 191. 4 x 4 Stage has daily shuttles. Check current schedules for departures.

SEASON

Snowmobiling outside the park generally runs from December 1 to April 1. Inside the park, the season runs from about mid-December to mid-March.

TOTAL AREA

In addition to the park's 3,400 square miles of terrain, West Yellowstone provides access to thousands of square miles of terrain on national forests in Montana and Idaho.

TRAILS

Inside the park, snowmobiles are confined to 180 miles of groomed trails. Outside the park, there are more than 400 miles of trails on national forest lands in Montana and Idaho. All snowmobile trails inside and outside of Yellowstone Park are marked, groomed and patrolled.

LODGING

Sleep next door to Yellowstone Park at the City Center Motel or the Pony Express Motel. Both are right in West Yellowstone and offer comfortable accommodations near restaurants and other services. Meeting room, health club and hot tub available at City Center Motel. Call 800-742-0665 for reservations and information.



SNOWMOBILE & CLOTHING RENTALS

From high performance rides to family touring, our full line of Polaris machines offers a full range of performance and handling. We try to match our rentals with your budget, skills and experience level. All of our rentals include an orientation session, maps, handlebar heaters, tall windshields, a free tank of gas each day and independent suspension for the smoothest possible ride. We use environmentally friendly 2-cycle oil. Snowmobile suit, gloves, helmet and boots are available for rent. We'll even set you up with a box lunch. Except during holidays, we offer discounts for Big Sky skiers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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West Yellowstone, MT 59758

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Ask about our off-season and group discounts.





320 GUEST RANCH

205 Buffalo Horn Creek, Big Sky, MT 59730 * 800-243-0320, 406-995-4283
Fax: 406-995-4694 * Internet: www.gomontana.com/320guestranch.html

Nestled in the majestic Gallatin National Forest, the 320 Guest Ranch offers a natural winter playground. Uniquely located five miles north of the Yellowstone National Park boundary and 12 miles south of Big Sky Ski Resort, the ranch is surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery in North America. Relax in a jacuzzi, feast in the historical restaurant and saloon, cross country ski right out your front door, shuttle to the ski slopes or snowmobile to the top of the world. At the 320 Guest Ranch, winter is an endless vacation.



HISTORY

In 1898, two homesteads totaling 320 acres were joined to become the 320 Ranch. Montana's first woman doctor and pathologist—Dr. Caroline McGill—purchased the ranch in 1936 as a rest and relaxation retreat for friends and patients. Today's guests, pampered by all the modern luxuries, still enjoy the same authentic, Western atmosphere and hospitality, and remain captivated by the ranch's setting amid the pristine national forest that completely surrounds it.



LOCATION

On the Gallatin River and US 191, 50 miles S of Bozeman and 36 miles N of West Yellowstone. Fly Northwest, Delta, Skywest or Horizon Air to Bozeman. Special airfares and airport shuttle service available.

FACILITIES

60 luxurious log cabins, ranging from one-room units to full-size, three-bedroom log homes. Historical, hewn-log restaurant and saloon with widely acclaimed dining on the banks of Buffalo Horn Creek. New conference and banquet facilities for 200. Indoor riding arena. Outdoor jacuzzi and much more.

SNOWMOBILING

Situated at the Buffalo Horn Creek trailhead and surrounded by national forest, the 320 provides convenient access to hundreds of miles of trails stretching from the Big Sky area to West Yellowstone and beyond. Snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park is accessible through the West Yellowstone entrance. Bring your own snowmobile or rent one when you arrive.



WINTER SLEIGH RIDES

Join Percheron draft horses Molly and Dusty for a starlit Montana evening sleigh ride along the Gallatin River. Warm yourself by a crackling log fire, enjoy refreshments served up by our cowboys at an authentic mountain man campsite, and cap the evening with a sumptuous feast in the original 320 Ranch homestead, now the historical restaurant and saloon.

OTHER WINTER ACTIVITIES

Whatever your pleasure in winter sports, you will find it here. There's downhill skiing at Big Sky Ski Resort, cross-country skiing in the backcountry or on groomed trail systems at Big Sky and West Yellowstone, snowcoach tours in Yellowstone National Park, dog sled adventures, wildlife/naturalist tours, fishing, hunting, snowshoeing and more.

RESERVATIONS

Nightly and package rates available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

320 GUEST RANCH

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Big Sky, MT 59730
For a free brochure, call 800-243-0320
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YELLOWSTONE TOUR AND TRAVEL

P.O. Box 410, West Yellowstone, MT 59758 ☎ 800-221-1151
Fax: 406-646-9490 ☎ Internet: www.ystonetourtravel@wyellowstone.com

Add a day or more in Yellowstone Country to your ski vacation. Or make it your winter destination. Yellowstone in winter is an unbelievable wonderland. And there's no better way to enjoy it all than on a snowmobile. From the geysers and animals in Yellowstone to the deep powder snow of the surrounding national forest, it's a feast for your eyes and senses. Come. Enjoy.

LOCATION

West Yellowstone is the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, located on Montana's southern border near Wyoming and Idaho. Fly into Bozeman. Convenient daily bus service available for the 90-mile drive through beautiful Gallatin Canyon.

SEASON

Yellowstone National Park is open to snowmobile traffic (no automobiles allowed except for short northern routes) from mid-December through early March. Snowmobiling in the surrounding national forests is available earlier and later.

TOTAL AREA

Snowmobiles are permitted only on groomed trails within Yellowstone's 3,400 square miles. In the national forests, riding is allowed both on and off trails on additional thousands of square miles.

TRAILS

Yellowstone National Park has more than 200 miles of well-marked and patrolled trails. An additional 250 miles outside of the park in Montana interconnect with hundreds of miles groomed by the state of Idaho.

GUIDE SERVICE

Full-day starting at \$200 per guide per day.

INSTRUCTION

Non-snowmobilers are encouraged to come! Machine operation is simple. Full instruction given to each person renting a snowmobile.



GARRY WUNDERMAD

VACATION PACKAGES

Full snowmobile packages, beginning day of your choice, include lodging, use of snowmobile, guide service, rental snowmobile clothing and one prime rib dinner. Packages start at four nights/three days and may be combined with discounted airfare. For reservations, contact your travel agent or Yellowstone Tour & Travel.

LODGING

Comfortable accommodations in West Yellowstone at The West Yellowstone Conference Hotel and Three Bear Lodge/Restaurant. Fully carpeted rooms feature color/cable television, room phones and full baths, some with in-room jacuzzis. Each property has whirlpools and swimming pool.

DAILY SNOWMOBILE RENTALS

We have a wide selection of rental snowmobiles featuring Arctic Cat, Yamaha and Polaris. Choose from 15 different models, from standard through high performance. Machines are equipped with handwarmers and many with luggage racks. Our wide selection allows guests to choose the model that fits their budget on either a single- or double-riding machine. Discounts (except holiday periods) offered to guests having a valid ski lift ticket from any Montana ski area. Daily round-trip bus service operates from Big Sky Ski Resort, 50 miles north. Snowmobile suit, boots,



YELLOWSTONE TOUR & TRAVEL

gloves, helmet and stocking pullover face mask at \$17 per day. All rates subject to 3 percent tax.

SNOWCOACH TOURING

New, heated 12-passenger vans have been converted to snowcoaches with skis instead of tires for smooth gliding over the snow. This is a great way to see Yellowstone, its animals and geological formations in winter. Bring cold-weather clothes and boots for brief walks to points of interest and to lunch breaks at restaurants. Trips are available to Old Faithful and to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YELLOWSTONE TOUR & TRAVEL

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BIG WESTERN PINE MOTEL

Every season presents a new Yellowstone to be explored and enjoyed. Sightseeing, fishing, horseback riding, boating and river rafting in the summer. Snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowcoach and dog sledding excitement in the winter. Spectacular colors in the fall and the magical rebirth of spring.

Explore the wonderland of Yellowstone and come to your home away from home at the Big Western Pine. Comfortable beds, phones, cable TV and tub/shower combinations provide relaxing evening accommodations. Kitchenettes are available. Play in the large heated pool in the summer or indulge in a long soak in the hot tub year-round.

The Rustler's Roost Restaurant will tempt your appetite with wild game entrees and just plain good cooking. Spectacular mountain views add to your dining pleasure. Enjoy the pleasant decor and cocktails at the Rustler's Roost Lounge for just that extra bit of relaxation.

Think of us when planning your snowmobile or snowcoach getaway, or when you're looking for the excitement of a dog sled ride. We offer new snowmobiles every season, clothing, guide service and complete snowmobile packages.

Open year-round, the Big Western Pine is located in West Yellowstone at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

BIG WESTERN PINE MOTEL

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West Yellowstone, MT 59758

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Fax: 406-646-9443



BITTERROOT VALLEY—WINTER WONDERLAND

Welcome to the beautiful Bitterroot Valley of Montana. If you want uncrowded, pristine conditions and a vacation you won't forget, we've got it! Lost Trail/Chief Joseph Pass (atop the Continental Divide, at the junction of US 93 and MT 43 on the Montana-Idaho border) boasts early and late snow with an average annual snowfall of 300 inches.

Cross-country skiers can choose from 16 designated groomed trails that cover 25 kilometers or another 17 ungroomed designated trails. The Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club, in partnership with the US Forest Service, maintain this outstanding recreational opportunity.

Snowmobile the unspoiled trails of Skalkaho and Lost Trail. The Bitterroot Ridgerunners work with the US Forest Service to provide an unforgettable journey.

Lost Trail Powder Mountain offers something for everyone: long cruises, steep bumps and tree skiing. Lost Trail will soon be expanding from 18 to 22 runs. Finish your day of fun with a soak at Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort.

Over 30 bed & breakfasts, vacation rentals and motels, along with unique shopping, are located throughout the valley. Valley restaurants are some of the "best in the West," serving family-style to gourmet dining. The Bitterroot Valley is truly "a vacation as vacations are meant to be."

FOR MORE INFORMATION

BITTERROOT VALLEY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

105 East Main

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DOUBLE ARROW RESORT

The Main Lodge, overlooking a spacious meadow, offers a spectacular view of both the Mission Mountains to the east and the Swan Range to the west. Snowmobile right from your cozy room or cabin and enjoy easy access to more than 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Rentals available.

Ski across the meadow and through our scenic golf course on groomed trails. Rentals available.

Dog sled rides offer you the chance to be a "musher" for a day. Ride in the sled. Feel the spirit of the huskies.

Horse-drawn sleighs pull up to the front door of the Main Lodge and invite you on a picturesque ride "over the river and through the woods."

After a hard day at play, enjoy a leisurely swim in our pool or soak in the jacuzzi. Sit by the fire and enjoy a drink from our full-service lounge.

Seasons Restaurant offers fine dining in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

Summer activities include golf, horseback rides, tennis, horseshoes, volleyball, hiking and watercraft rentals on Seeley Lake.

Double Arrow Resort offers a variety of lodging options—rooms in the Main Lodge, rooms in cabins and two full-sized lodges.

Experience the ultimate Montana winter vacation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

DOUBLE ARROW RESORT

P.O. Box 747

Seeley Lake, MT 59868

800-468-0777

406-677-2777

Fax: 406-677-2922



NORTH FORTY RESORT

The North Forty Resort is the perfect place to spend your next Montana vacation. The resort typifies the lifestyle that Montana offers. Here in Whitefish, Montana you'll find laid-back living in deluxe mountain log cabins. The North Forty Resort has 22 private log cabins with hand-crafted furnishings by Montana artisans in a rustic decor. The log cabins include full kitchens, gas fireplaces and down comforters. There are two open-air hot tubs and a sauna.

The Ponderosa and Larch cabins house up to five people each, while the Aspen Suite can house up to eight. The design of the Aspen Suite allows conversion into two smaller accommodations, the Aspen and the Aspen Room, each suitable for four people.

Each cabin has ample parking for snowmobilers, and our convenient location to hundreds of miles of trails bring folks back year after year.

The North Forty Resort is conveniently located on US 40, just minutes from the Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort (the largest ski resort in Montana), and air service is provided to Glacier Park International Airport just 10 miles away. Amtrak has daily connections into Whitefish from Seattle, Spokane and Minneapolis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

NORTH FORTY RESORT

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Whitefish, MT 59937
800-775-1740
406-862-7740
Fax: 406-862-7741
Internet: www.northforty.com

SUMMIT SEEKERS RENTALS

Summit Seekers Rentals, Inc., offers snowmobiling from our front door on sporty Ski-Doo® snowmobiles from December into April. We also rent toasty warm suits and boots. For those bringing their own snowmobiles, Summit Seekers has a full-time mechanic and we carry Ski-Doo® parts, accessories and clothing.

At 4,500 ft. elevation, Lincoln is nestled in the Rocky Mountain's pine-forested Blackfoot River Valley. With more than 250 miles of groomed trails and limitless play areas, Lincoln is truly a snowmobiler's dream. Riders often snowmobile the entire day without seeing another person.

The Ponderosa Snow Warriors Snowmobile Club maintains and grooms the entire trail system for smooth, comfortable riding and hosts a variety of snowmobiling activities throughout the season. The Snow Warriors clubhouse, situated along the trail, is a great place to warm your toes, have a snack and chat with local riders.

Most of the winter, snow covers the roadway shoulders in town, allowing riders to access businesses by snowmobile. Really hungry or just plain tired? Simply ride back into town to one of several restaurants, cozy motels or a variety of shops.

Join us to play in the powder, enjoy spectacular scenery and maybe catch a glimpse of wildlife. Call your hosts, Steve and April Woodhouse at Summit Seekers, to reserve your Ski-Doo® snowmobiles for an unforgettable winter experience. Mention ad code #TMTWG8 for a 10% discount. Remember to bring a camera to record your most memorable moments!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

SUMMIT SEEKERS RENTALS, INC.

P.O. Box 487, Lincoln, MT 59639
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406-362-4078
Fax: 406-362-4621



WEST YELLOWSTONE CONFERENCE HOTEL/ HOLIDAY INN SUNSPREE RESORT

Just minutes from the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, The West Yellowstone Conference Hotel/Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort is the area's newest and most luxurious resort and conference facility.

It's the ideal headquarters for winter adventures in Yellowstone, offering complete snowmobile and clothing rentals, snowcoach tours and friendly, knowledgeable staff. All rentals are current model-year machines and come equipped with handwarmers. Rental/lodging packages are available.

The hotel offers 123 rooms, including luxurious King Spa Suites, Family Suites and handicap-accessible rooms. All rooms feature mini-fridges, microwaves, coffee makers and hairdryers. Guests also enjoy an indoor pool, exercise room, sauna and whirlpool.

Built to capture the turn-of-the-century elegance of park accommodations, the hotel has restored the old 1903 Executive Car which once brought well-heeled visitors to the park on the Oregon Short Line Railroad. Old 1903 sits in all of its original elegance and glory to welcome you to the Oregon Short Line Restaurant and the Iron Horse Saloon. The restaurant, noted for its succulent Western cuisine and the lively saloon form the heart of the West Yellowstone Conference Hotel's warm, Old Yellowstone ambiance.

The hotel also offers complete conference and meeting facilities. Pre- or post-conference tours of Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding area are a specialty.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE WEST YELLOWSTONE CONFERENCE HOTEL/HOLIDAY INN SUNSPREE RESORT

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or 800-HOLIDAY
Fax: 406-646-4433

YELLOWSTONE ADVENTURES

Winter is a time for adventure. A perfect vacation destination is the unspoiled beauty of Yellowstone. The gateway to this adventure is West Yellowstone, Montana. Explore Yellowstone Country's many miles of groomed trails aboard a new Ski-Doo® snowmobile.

Yellowstone Adventures helps you enjoy a snowmobile vacation of a lifetime, whether you come for two days or two weeks. Witness the splendor of the area's famous trails—Two Top, South Plateau, Lionhead and Horse Butte. Visit one of nature's most spectacular ecosystems—Yellowstone National Park.

We have been providing our guests with worry-free vacations for nearly thirty years. For your convenience, we can arrange package plans that include lodging, snowmobile and clothing rental. It will be our pleasure to customize a winter vacation to suit your specific needs.

Whether you are planning a trip to Yellowstone or just plan on taking a break from skiing at one of our nearby ski areas, please be sure to give us a call. Our experienced staff will be happy to assist you in planning your Yellowstone Winter Adventure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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DOG SLED GUIDED TOURS

Absaroka Dogsled Treks. Guided treks into Montana's backcountry; located at Chico Hot Springs, N of Yellowstone Park. Drawer D, Pray, MT 59065, 800-468-9232, 406-333-4933, Fax: 406-333-4694

Dog Sled Adventures. Travel at the speed of a dog along a 12-mile loop through the Stillwater Forest. P.O. Box 34, Olney, MT 59927, 406-881-2275

Montana Mush-Sled Dog Kennels. Dogsled treks by the hour into the Scapegoat Wilderness Area and surrounding country. P.O. Box 217, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4004

Northwind Sled Dog Adventures. Learn to drive your own team on spectacular Montana trails. 12260 Glacier Mountain Lane, Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730, 406-763-4838

Pintler Sled Adventures. Drive your own team. Daily, overnight or custom trips. 9010 Hwy. 1 W., Anaconda, MT 59711, 406-563-2675

Snowcrest Sled Dog Adventures. Experience the spirit of Alaskan Huskies; tours of varying length and overnight trips. P.O. Box 935, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 800-677-3004, 406-677-3025

Spirit of the North Sled Dog Adventures. Husky power—magical adventures by dog team you don't want to miss! P.O. Box 145, Cameron, MT 59720, 406-682-7994 or 406-995-3424

GUIDED ADVENTURES

Bitterroot Adventures. Guided snowmobile tours in the Bitterroot and Beaverhead national forests. 566 Queens Way, Hamilton, MT 59840, Ph/Fax: 406-961-3392

Flowing With Nature Trips. 5 and 6 day x-country day trips with naturalist/photographer in Yellowstone Park; yurt accommodations. 2051 Colorado Gulch, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-5286

Glacier Park Ski Tours. Guided snowshoe or ski tours in Glacier National Park; day trips or extended. 728 Kalispell Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-646-6043, ext. 3724, 406-862-2790

Montana Powder Guides. Adventure ski guides for skiers & snowboarders in Bozeman-Big Sky area. 15792 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59715, Ph/Fax: 406-587-3096

Northern Rockies Natural History. Biologist-led snowshoe, ski or auto safaris; Yellowstone wolf excursions; family suitable. P.O. Box 42, Bozeman, MT 59771, Ph/Fax: 406-586-1155

Yellowstone Alpen Guides. Daily snowcoach and x-country ski tours in & around Yellowstone Park. P.O. Box 518W, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-858-3502, 406-646-9591, Fax 406-646-9594

Yellowstone Expeditions. Backcountry ski tours in Yellowstone Park, based at Canyon Yurt Camp; snowcoach tours. P.O. Box 865, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-728-9333 or 406-646-9333

Yellowstone Mountain Guides, Inc. Helicopter and snowcat skiing, Pioneer Mountain ski area. P.O. Box 3006, Bozeman, MT 59772-3006, 406-388-0148, Fax: 406-388-6766





LODGING / SERVICES

CAR RENTALS

BIG SKY

Budget Rent-A-Car. Our location at Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort offers a large variety of current model cars, minivans, 4 x 4 sport utility vehicles, 4 x 4 Suburbans and 15-passenger vans. Also for your convenience, you can rent your vehicle when you step off the airplane at the Bozeman International Airport. Give us a call today at 406-388-4091 or 800-95BUDGET to reserve your vehicle of choice. We look forward to serving you!

BILLINGS

Thrifty Car Rental. Locally owned and operated with variety of current-year vehicles. Standard sizes (compact through full-size) and specialty vehicles: 4 x 4's, minivans, pickups and 15-passenger vans. Ski racks available. Courtesy phone at airport minimizes hassles upon arrival with complimentary shuttle and luggage handling. Open seven days a week. Exceptional service and a memorable vacation await you in Montana. 1144 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101, 800-699-1025 or 406-259-1025.

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RANCHES/RESORTS

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. Just 30 miles east of Discovery Basin is Montana's favorite family resort. Affordable rates plus all the amenities. After a day on the slopes, indulge in all that makes Fairmont so inviting—dining room, coffee shop, lounge with live entertainment, massage studio, two Olympic-sized pools and two soaking pools all filled with natural hot springs water, plus a 350-foot water slide. Reservations: 1500 Fairmont Road, Fairmont, MT 59711, 800-332-3272, Internet: www.fairmontmontana.com



SALVATORE VASPOLI

Meadow Lake Resort. Centrally located between Glacier National Park and The Big Mountain. Daily comp ski shuttle. Minutes to snowmobile trailhead. Luxury inn, condos and villas, pools and spas, fitness and recreation center, restaurant and lounge, golf course for cross-country skiing, ice skating, children's activities, meeting facilities. Airport (FCA) and Amtrak shuttle. 100 St. Andrews Drive, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 800-321-GOLF, Fax: 406-892-0330, Email: mdwlake@meadowlake.com, Internet: www.meadowlake.com

Triple Creek Ranch. Become snowbound in this couples-only, peaceful mountain setting, where you can experience world-class service in a romantic atmosphere. Rates include meals, drinks, horseback riding, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Close to downhill skiing. Enjoy a hot drink in front of the fireplace after a rigorous day of outdoor activities. Eighteen accommodations range from cozy cabins to luxury cabins with indoor whirlpool or private outdoor hot tub. 5551 West Fork Rt., Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-4600, Fax: 406-821-4666.

LODGING

BELGRADE

Homestead Inn. 67 rooms at the Belgrade/Bozeman exit (#298) of I-90. You will enjoy the new Country Kitchen Restaurant next door. We are adjacent to the airport and on the most direct route to Big Sky Resort and West Yellowstone. Our guests enjoy the elk antler chandelier, river rock fireplace and western feel of this motel. Call 800-542-6791 for reservations and snow report. 6261 Jackrabbit Ln., Belgrade, MT 59714, 406-388-0800, Fax: 388-0804.

BIG SKY

Best Western Buck's T-4 Lodge. A warm, welcoming blaze in the stone hearth, big game trophies and antique sporting gear hint at Buck's T-4's beginnings as a hunting and fishing lodge. Buck's offers 75 richly appointed guest rooms and two giant outdoor hot tubs. Complimentary deluxe continental breakfast to start your day! Minutes from the Big Sky Ski Area and Gallatin National Forest snowmobile trailheads. Kids 10 and under stay and ski free all winter! 20%-40%

discounts on lodging and lift ticket packages. 406-995-4111, Fax: 406-995-2191. Call 800-822-4484 for reservations, or Email to buckst4@mcn.net. Check our web site at www.aminews.com/bigsky

Big Sky Central Reservations. The deluxe slope-side accommodations of Huntley Lodge and Shoshone Condominium Hotel are the cornerstone of Big Sky Resort. Choose from numerous condominiums as well. Swimming pools, jacuzzis, health club, gift shops, massage therapy. Ask about Big Sky's Great Ski Weeks and Super Saver Weeks. Packages as low as \$213 per person, double occupancy, 4 nights/3 days. Call 406-995-5000 or 800-548-4486.

Big Sky Chalet Rentals. Large selection of accommodations for the most intimate party to the largest ski group. We also have two four-bedroom condos side by side, only one-half mile from the slopes, for large groups. Some condos available with hot tub, sauna, swimming pool. Many locations. We take the time to help you plan your vacation. 800-845-4428 or 406-995-2665.

Golden Eagle Management. The largest selection of condominiums, homes and chalets at affordable rates. Mountain accommodations range from budget studios to deluxe four-bedroom ski-in/ski-out chalets w/private hot tubs. Meadow Village offers free shuttles to the lifts and a variety of one- to five-bedroom condos and furnished homes. The Golden Eagle Lodge offers comfortable rooms; restaurant and bar on premises. Discounts available on airfares and car rentals. P.O. Box 160008, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-548-4488, Fax: 406-995-2447, Email: g_eagle@avicom.net, Internet: www.avicom.net/g_eagle

River Rock Lodge. River Rock Lodge at Big Sky blends the rustic influences of the Rocky Mountain West with modern amenities. Located 45 miles south of the Bozeman airport, Big Sky's premier lodging facility is the ideal location for your next winter vacation. Enjoy alpine and Nordic skiing, sleighrides, dog sledding, snowmobiling and Yellowstone National Park. River Rock offers beautifully appointed rooms, suites and meeting facilities. P.O. Box 160700, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-995-9966, Fax: 995-2727.

Triple Creek Realty & Management. Simply outstanding, competitively priced studio to five-bedroom condominiums guarantee a perfect ski vacation. From our exquisite ski-in/ski-out Beaverhead and Arrowhead condominiums with three- to four-bedrooms/baths and in-house jacuzzis to our completely redecorated Stillwater studios, TCR manages only Big Sky's finest condos. Other amenities include in-house jacuzzis or recreation centers, fireplaces, cable TV, and TCR's superb service! Discounted airfares available. P.O. Box 160219, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-548-4632, Fax: 406-995-2393.

BOZEMAN

Best Western GranTree Inn. Located just off the interstate, a short 15-minute drive from Bridger Bowl and a 45-minute drive to Big Sky Ski Resort.

Offering true Montana hospitality with full-service dining, lounge and casino, indoor pool and jacuzzi, laundry facility, plus 103 comfort-filled rooms. Special ski rates offered. Shuttle service to Bridger Bowl. For reservations or information, call 800-624-5865. Internet: www.grantreeinn.com

Bridger Bowl. Bridger Bowl offers a 12-month reservation service to all out-of-town skiers. On-mountain lodges, private homes, condominiums and bed & breakfast inns are available for rent on a limited basis. Many are ski-accessible from the mountain. Reservations and ski package programs are available with many fine motels and bed & breakfast inns in Bozeman, just 20 minutes from Bridger Bowl. Shuttle \$7/round trip. 800-223-9609 (US & Canada) or 406-586-1518.

Holiday Inn-Bozeman. Bozeman's finest! Fifteen minutes from world-class skiing at Bridger Bowl and 45 minutes from Big Sky, Holiday Inn features Bozeman's finest accommodations and is convenient to Yellowstone snowmobiling and winter touring. The hotel features 178 deluxe rooms, executive suite, large indoor pool, relaxing jacuzzi, exercise room, game room, complimentary airport transportation, large sunken lobby with fireplace, Cantrell's Restaurant and Lounge and meeting facilities. Ski packages available. 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715, 800-366-5101 or 406-587-4561, Fax: 406-587-4413.

Howlers Inn Bed and Breakfast/Wolf Sanctuary. Impressive log and stone home with spacious bedrooms (K & Q), mountain views, full private baths, TVs, VCRs, refrigerators and microwaves. Full breakfast. Two-bedroom guesthouse with kitchen, living room and fireplace. Enjoy sauna, hot tub, pool table, air hockey, big screen TV and workout area. Certified massage therapist. Three miles off I-90 on the way to Bridger Bowl. No pets or smoking. (Shuttle available.) 3185 Jackson Creek Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715; 406-586-0304 or 888-HOWLERS.

CHOTEAU

Best Western Stage Stop Inn. WHOA! Best Western Stage Stop Inn of Choteau—Your only stop on the Rocky Mountain Front. 43 classy, convenient rooms, indoor pool and spa, continental breakfast. Enjoy cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and downhill skiing at Teton Pass, on the edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, just 25 miles west of Choteau. Great winter fun packages available! Best Western Stage Stop Inn, Box 1238, Choteau, MT 59422; toll free 888-466-5900.

COOKE CITY

High Country Motel. Twelve units open in the winter, including three cabins, nine motel rooms (four with kitchenettes, one with fireplace). Snowmobile and cross-country ski right from your front door. Fifty-two miles of groomed trails, lots of snow from November to April. P.O. Box 1146, US 212, Cooke City, MT 59020, 406-838-2272.

EMIGRANT

Querencia—Winter on the Yellowstone. Elegance and warm hospitality in Paradise Valley. Join us for Montana's best cross country skiing. Guided trips into the Absaroka Wilderness and Yellowstone National Park to see wolves, elk and bison. Snowshoe hikes and dogsled rides. Equipment available. Downhill ski nearby

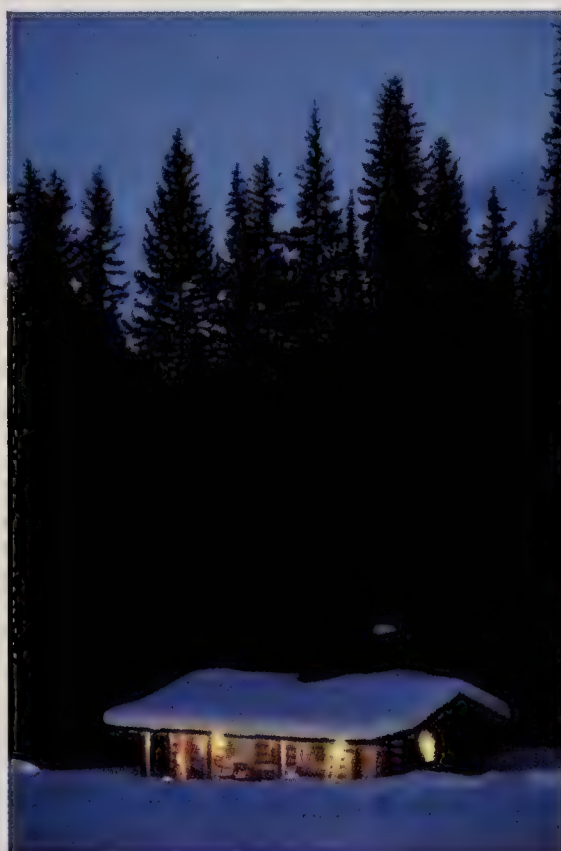
Bridger Bowl, including guided trips to ski "the Ridge." Scenic driftboat floats to watch bald eagles. Winter fishing. Custom packages available. Children and pets welcome. Bed & Breakfast—\$70 per room, per night. P.O. Box 184, Emigrant, MT 59027, Phone/Fax: 406-333-4500, Email: querencia@mcn.net, URL: <http://www.montanacyberzine/q.htm>

GARDINER

Comfort Inn-Yellowstone North. Located at the North Entrance to Yellowstone Park. Gardiner offers many activities to our visitors. Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling inside the park is a must. Our facility is a log structure motel with spacious rooms and Montana-made rustic log furniture. Enjoy our atrium while dipping into one of our three hot tubs. In the morning listen to our player grand piano while starting your day with a complimentary, continental breakfast. P.O. Box 268, Gardiner, MT 59030, 800-228-5150 or Phone/Fax: 406-848-7536.

Motel 6 of Yellowstone North Gate. Enjoy your stay at the newest and most reasonably priced motel in Gardiner, MT. Our rooms have nice views with an outside balcony and a rustic Montana exterior. Whether your pleasure is summer hiking or winter skiing and snowmobiling, Yellowstone is a must for everyone to enjoy. Come see us, and as always, "We'll leave the light on for you!" 109 Hellroaring Rd. Gardiner, MT, 59030. 800-4-MOTEL or 406-848-7520

Yellowstone Super 8. Economy lodging, great service. Located at the North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, Gardiner is a spring and winter wildlife viewers/photographers paradise where wolves, elk, bison, big horn sheep, antelope, eagles and osprey can be seen! We offer clean, comfortable rooms with queen/king beds, some family rooms and a suite w/kitchen. Indoor heated pool/hot tub, continental breakfast. A great "base camp" for all-season activities in and around Yellowstone. Discounted spring and winter rates. Come make memories and renew your spirits with us! National reservations 800-800-8000, 406-848-7401, Fax: 406-848-9410.



Yellowstone Village Inn. North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, the only year-round entrance. Great view of Roosevelt Arch and the park. Three family condos, 43 spacious rooms (smoking/non-smoking) with queen beds, phones and cable TV, indoor heated pool, sauna and laundry. Snowmobile and cross-country ski rentals available. Guided ski and snowcoach tours into Yellowstone Park. Dinner Theater. Reasonable, discounted winter rates. AAA-approved. P.O. Box 297, Gardiner, MT 59030, 800-228-8158, Fax: 406-848-7418, Email: yellowstoneinn@gomontana.com, Internet: www.gomontana.com/yellowstoneinn.html

GLACIER PARK VICINITY

Abbott Valley Homestead. Our 250-acre working farm, surrounded by meadows and the Flathead National Forest is perfect for winter vacations. Four different homes, each with full kitchen, complete linens and washer/dryer. Between Columbia Falls and West Glacier, we are located two miles from US 2. Snowmobile Desert Mountain, cross-country ski and snowshoe from your door or in Glacier National Park, or just relax by the stove. Winter rates. 406-387-4436 or 387-5447.

Polebridge Mercantile and Cabins. Bordering the Wild and Scenic Flathead River between magnificent Glacier National Park and the forested Whitefish Range. 1 1/4 miles to Glacier Park entrance. Rustic cabins available year-round. Ski, snowmobile, canoe, fish and bike in pristine wilderness area. Mercantile is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Groceries, gas, gifts, fresh coffee and baked goods, fishing licenses, tackle. P.O. Box 280042, Polebridge, MT 59928, 406-888-5105.

GREAT FALLS

Holiday Inn Great Falls. Seven-story atrium hotel, 163 newly remodeled sleeping rooms, indoor pool, jacuzzi, sauna. Philly's restaurant, casino and lounge. Full convention center for up to 450 people. Airport shuttle, walking distance to malls. Located midway between Showdown and Teton Pass ski areas. Group rates available. Kids eat, stay and play free! 400 10th Ave. South, Great Falls, MT 59405, 800-257-1998 (US & Canada), 800-626-8009 (MT), Phone/Fax: 406-727-7200.

HAUGAN

Silver \$ Inn. This 40-room motel boasts exceptionally clean rooms, satellite TV, and the back door opens to the snowmobile trail. Snowmobile rentals and package deals available. Restaurant, casinos, gift shop, 24-hour convenience store and fuel stop all on premises. Rates start at \$44. Grooming program rivals the best, accessing over 1000 miles. Winter recreation opportunities are endless. Exit 16, I-90 in Haugan, MT 59842, 800-531-1968.

KALISPELL

Aero Inn. Ideal for skiers and snowmobilers looking for clean, comfortable, affordable accommodations. An easy drive to The Big Mountain as well as to several cross-country and snowmobile areas. Beautiful indoor pool, jacuzzi and sauna, free continental breakfast, no charge for local calls. \$34/person/night. Group rates, lift tickets and snowmobile packages available. 1830 US 93 S, Kalispell, 59901, 800-843-6114 (US & Canada) or 406-755-3798, Fax: 406-752-1304, Internet: www.aeroinn.com



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Best Western Outlaw Inn. Ahhh! Kick back and relax in the comfort of "New West" hospitality. Splash in our indoor pools, soak in our jacuzzis, then dine at the famous Hennessey's restaurant. Centrally located accommodations feature 220 attractive rooms, fitness center, mini-casino, lounge and an incredibly friendly staff ready to serve you. Call and ask about our special offers. 1701 US 93 S, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-237-7445 or 406-755-6100, Fax: 406-756-8994.

Cavanaugh's at Kalispell Center. The perfect location for your winter get-away! Relax at north-west Montana's only lodging and shopping mall facility. Located in the center of the Flathead Valley's winter recreation wonderland. Comfortable new rooms, Fireside Lodge for wine and spirits, Northwest Bounty Company Restaurant—Kalispell's newest eatery, Cavanaugh's Casino, indoor solarium pool, jacuzzis and sauna are a few of the amenities you can experience when staying with Cavanaugh's. Call 800-843-4667 or 406-752-6660 for reservations and winter promotions. Internet: www.cavanaugh's.com

Lakeside Resort Motel. Ten motel rooms on west side of Flathead Lake (four new units with deck facing the lake) and eight family cottages. Property includes 155 ft. of waterfront, dock and boat ramp. Perfect for weddings and family reunions. All rooms have telephones, refrigerators, cable TV and microwaves. Public laundromat; hot tub outside. Blacktail cross-country skiing 10 miles away. Winter rates. P.O. Box 293, Lakeside, MT 59922. Reservations: 800-348-4822, 406-844-3570, Fax: 406-844-2265.

LIVINGSTON

Chico Hot Springs. Historic Chico Hot Springs Lodge sits on 154 pristine acres at the base of the Rocky Mountains. Located just 30 miles north of Yellowstone National Park in the heart of beautiful Paradise Valley. A destination resort, Chico has 90 guest rooms, chalets and cabins offering large natural hot pools, horseback riding, fly fishing, whitewater rafting and a very strong children's program. Relax by the pool, swing dance in the Western-style saloon, read a book in the shade on the front lawn, or treat yourself to our legendary dining room. Chico has something for everyone and we're dog friendly! Drawer D, Pray, MT 59065, 406-333-4933, Fax: 406-333-4694.

MISSOULA

4B's Inn & Conference Center. 158 rooms in two locations to serve your Missoula lodging needs. Our north location is close to Snowbowl Ski Area. Take advantage of our great hot tub and solarium areas. 4B's Conference Center has 12 meeting rooms; the largest will accommodate 250. We offer special rates for skiers and snowmobilers. We are surrounded by many entertainment and dining choices. Call 800-272-9500 for reservations and snow report.

Gelandesprung Lodge. On mountain accommodations—ski in and ski out. Opened the winter of 1997, the Gelandesprung Lodge is a 21-room hotel/hostel offering rooms with private or shared baths, hot tub and common kitchen. Two-

day, two-night ski packages start at \$71 per person (double occupancy) or you and your group (up to 36 people) can rent the whole lodge for \$500 a night. P.O. Box 8226, Missoula, MT 59807, 800-728-2695 or 406-549-9777.



JOHNIE SEATON

Holiday Inn Missoula-Parkside. Beautiful full-service hotel located on the banks of the Clark Fork River in downtown Missoula. Indoor pool, weight room. Superb restaurant. Room service, lounge, jogging and walking trails adjacent. Full conference facilities for 350. 200 S. Pattee St., Missoula, MT 59802. Reservations: 800-399-0408 or 406-721-8550, Fax: 406-728-3472.

Super 8 Motel-Brooks Street. Forty minutes from Snowbowl Ski Area. Closest motel in Missoula to Blue Mountain (5 miles) snowmobiling and to Lolo Pass (45 minutes) cross-country skiing. Toast and pastry bar, outside outlets. Many restaurants nearby. Airport shuttle. Winter packages available. 3901 S. Brooks, Missoula, MT 59601, 800-800-8000 or 406-251-2255, Fax: 406-251-2989.

Super 8 Motel-Reserve Street. Just 20 minutes from Snowbowl Ski Area. Toast and pastry bar, hot tub, outside outlets, elevator. Triple unit and suite with in-room jet tub available. McDonald's, 4B's, Joker's Wild restaurants within one block. Winter packages available. 4703 N. Reserve, Missoula, MT 59804, 800-800-8000 or 406-549-1199, Fax: 406-549-0677.

NEIHART

Showdown Ski Area. The ski area offers lessons, rentals, day care and food service on the mountain. For our Lodging & Activity Guide, call 800-433-0022. Great packages are available.

RED LODGE

Best Western LuPine Inn. Located six blocks from historic downtown Red Lodge and six miles from Red Lodge Mountain. We offer many amenities to make your stay enjoyable, including indoor pool, spa, sauna, exercise equipment, game room with indoor playground, guest laundry, meeting room, kitchenettes, in-room spas and remote cable TV. Guest houses available. Owner-operated. 702 S. Hauser, P.O. Box 30, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-1321, Fax: 406-446-1465.

Pitcher Guest Houses. Old-fashioned ambiance with homey atmosphere. Queen Anne four-bedroom, circa 1905; newer three-bedroom log townhouse.

Both completely furnished: two baths, cable TV, laundry facilities, telephone, dishwasher, microwave, wood-burning stove and more. Two cozy one-bedroom, three-room log cabins with cable TV, telephone and kitchen. Non-smoking. Brochures and pictures available. Rt. 2, Box 3450, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-2859.

The Pollard. Historic hotel in the heart of Red Lodge. Built in 1893, it offers a unique combination of turn-of-the-century character with a newly restored, charming decor. Only minutes away are downhill and cross-country skiing, shopping and the majestic Beartooth mountains. Full-service dining room with an award-winning wine list, health club, hot tubs and saunas. Entirely non-smoking. Member of Historic Hotels of America. 2 North Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-0001 or 800-POLLARD, Fax: 406-446-0002.

Red Lodge Central Reservations. We make it easy! With one call doing it all, we can make arrangements for discounted airfare, lodging, lift tickets, ski rentals, ski school—you name it! We specialize in custom-designed packages to suit your needs. Nobody knows Red Lodge like we do. Group packages also available. Call 800-444-8977.

Red Lodging. Enjoy the finest in fully furnished, affordable guest home lodging. No one else offers you distinctive, beautiful Victorian homes, creekside cabins, golf course townhomes, and cottages. With amenities like jacuzzis, stone fireplaces, private ponds and easy access to Red Lodge Mountain and Yellowstone, we have your perfect vacation home. For rates, information and reservations: 16 1/2 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 1477, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-1272, 800-6-RED LODGE, Fax: 406-446-2327.

Rock Creek Resort. Ten minutes from Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area. The resort combines comfortable lodging, Twin Elk Fine Collections and Old Piney Dell Restaurant to create the perfect ski holiday. Gracious accommodations, fine cuisine, indoor swimming, jacuzzi, sauna, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, mountain biking. Price range \$86 to \$275. Four miles south of Red Lodge on US 212, HC 49, Box 3500, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 406-446-1111, Fax: 406-446-3688, Email: RCResort@wtp.net

Super 8 Motel. Large indoor pool, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, cable TV, including Showtime, movie rentals, video games, meeting room, guest laundry, toast bar, large family rooms, jacuzzi rooms, kitchenettes available. Owner-operated. 1223 S. Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068, 800-800-8000, 406-446-2288, Fax: 446-3162.

Yodeler Motel. AAA high 2-diamond rating with large luxury rooms, outdoor hot tub, in-room steam baths or in-room jacuzzi tubs, remote color cable TV, data port phones and all with in-room coffee. Comfortable queen beds. Owner-operated with "sincere hospitality." Close to downtown and only 15 minutes from Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area. 601 S. Broadway, Red Lodge, MT 59068,

406-446-1435, Fax: 446-1020, Email: Yodeler@wtp.net. or check out our home page at <http://www.wtp.net/yodeler>

SEELEY LAKE

Double Arrow Resort. Nestled in the heart of the Seeley Swan Valley. Offers lodging, fine dining, golf, indoor pool/jacuzzi, access to more than 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, snowmobile rentals, cross-country skiing, dog sled rides, fabulous mountain views and breathtaking scenery. Whether you seek peace and quiet, a place for conferences and meetings or a place to play, we're here to meet your needs. P.O. Box 747, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 800-468-0777, Fax: 406-677-2922.

The Emily A. Bed & Breakfast. Welcome home to a grand log lodge overlooking the Clearwater River and a private lake. The Emily has five guest rooms, a family suite and the original homestead cabin. Wake up rested to enjoy a fabulous breakfast served on grandmother's china, then explore our 160 acres. Rates from \$95 to \$150. P.O. Box 350, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 800-977-4639, 406-677-3474, Fax: 406-677-3474.

Grandview House. Located in the beautiful Seeley-Swan Valley, Grandview House is a new, fully furnished, secluded home which accommodates up to eight guests comfortably. Take advantage of all that winter has to offer with snowmobiling right from our door! Cross-country ski or just relax and enjoy the peace and quiet of winter in the mountains! P.O. Box 1084, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-3170.

Rich Ranch. ENJOY and EXPLORE over 1,000 sq. miles of state and national forests from the comforts of our rural family guest ranch. Snowmobile from your cabin door (rentals available). Lodge and cabin rooms overlook scenic meadow and mountain vistas. Spacious cabin rooms include gas fireplace with private bath. Horse-drawn sleighrides, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, outdoor hot tub and more. Up to 20 guests. Color brochure: Jack and Belinda Rich, P.O. Box 495, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2317, Fax: 406-677-3530.

Tamaracks Resort. Located on the beautiful north end of Seeley Lake, we offer quiet, cozy housekeeping cabins, plus camping and RV sites. Snowmobile and ski right from your cabin to hundreds of miles of groomed trails in the winter, or enjoy mountain biking, canoe trips, boating, hiking, fishing, or just sunning on the beach in the summer. Rentals available. Take the vacation you deserve. P.O. Box 812, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 800-477-7216 or 406-677-2433.

Wapiti Resort Elkhorn Motel & Cafe. The restored "Olde Town" (at the original townsite of Seeley Lake) brings to life the Old West. Unique food and beverage catering in the Golden Garter Saloon. Private cabins with kitchenettes; motel rooms next to cafe. Snowmobile or cross-country ski from your door. Hwy 83 N, milepost 16, P.O. Box 565, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 800-867-5678, 406-677-2775, Fax: 406-273-2640.

SULA

Camp Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast. Nine miles north of Lost Trail Powder Mountain downhill and cross-country ski area. Good snowmobiling nearby. Ski and Stay packages include hearty

Western breakfast, room, or cabin with kitchen. 7674 US 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 800-351-3508 or 406-821-3508.

Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort-Bed & Breakfast (during ski season). Ski Lost Trail Powder Mountain and Chief Joseph Cross-Country Ski Trails just six miles away. Upgraded lodging in private cabins, motel, condos, ski hostel; accommodations for large ski parties. After skiing relax in our natural hot spring pool, hot tub and sauna. Our restaurant/lounge/casino offers a friendly, casual dining atmosphere. Open Thurs.-Sun. and Wed. by reservation. Multi-night discounts available. 8321 US 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 800-825-3574 or 406-821-3574 for a free brochure.

WEST YELLOWSTONE

Bar N Ranch. A dream location for winter visitors: the only area ranch open in winter. Five miles west of West Yellowstone at Denny Creek, off Madison Arm Trail near Lionshead Loop and Hebgan Lake Road trails. Miles of private trails on our heavenly 500 acres. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, dog sledding on site, or shuttle to Big Sky Ski Resort. Incredible views, privacy, wonderful home cooking and hospitality. Gorgeous rooms in brand new lodge and cabins complete with fireplace, whirlpool tub, etc. Fabulous Honeymoon Suite! From \$75 per person per day, American Plan. For color brochure/reservations: 800-BIGSKYS or 406-646-7229, Fax: 215-440-8390. Attn: doctors—Level I CME courses from \$400.

Big Western Pine Motel. Explore the wonderland of Yellowstone and come to your home away from home at The Big Western Pine. Enjoy our comfortable beds, phones, cable TV, hot tub and pool. Experience fine dining pleasure and relaxation at The Rustler's Roost Restaurant and Lounge. The Big Western Pine offers the best in snowmobile guide service and clothing rentals, snowcoach rides, and dog sledding. 234 Firehole, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7622, 800-646-7622, Fax: 406-646-9443.

Brandin' Iron Inn. Your winter fun headquarters! 79 comfortable rooms with cable TV and refrigerator. Plenty of parking for your sled just outside. Snowmobile and snowcoach packages available. Easy access to cross-country trails and Big Sky for downhill skiing. Something for everyone in the family. Start your day with our complimentary continental breakfast and end it by relaxing in our hot tubs or just warming by the fire in our spacious lobby. 201 Canyon St., P.O. Box 978, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-217-4613 or 406-646-9441, Fax: 406-646-9436.

City Center Motel. AAA-rated. Right in the center of town. Snowmobile rentals, gift shop, meeting room with deluxe kitchen, hot tub and big screen TV. Adjacent to two restaurants and lounge. Health club. Just three blocks from Yellowstone National Park West Entrance. Featuring Polaris snowmobiles. Major credit cards. 214 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 580, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-742-0665, Fax: 406-646-7337.

Kelly Inn. Beautiful new three-story property located at the entrance to Yellowstone National Park. 78 large, comfortable guest rooms are decorated to embody the charm and character of Yellowstone Park. Some rooms are specialty suites with whirlpool tubs. Other features include indoor swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool, lobby

fireplace and continental breakfast. Restaurants and lounges nearby. The Kelly Inn is located near cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling. 104 S. Canyon St., West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-259-4672, 406-646-4544, Fax: 406-646-9838.

Pine Shadows Motel. Fourteen clean, comfortable units with phones, including two log cabins, kitchenettes in some units. Cable TV, ample parking, garage for light mechanics on snowmobiles. Snowmobile rental packages. Hosts: Blaine and Vickie Heaps. US 20 & Hayden Ave., P.O. Box 721, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-624-5291 or 406-646-7541, Fax: 406-646-9647.

Stage Coach Inn. The best in the West! Historic Western inn. Perfect atmosphere for any winter enthusiast. Award-winning lobby with fireplace. Attractive lodging with unique decor. Fine family dining. Lively lounge. Live and video poker. Hot tubs and sauna. Complete snowmobile (new, all types) and snowcoach packages. Easy access to groomed cross-country and snowmobile trails. Abundant territory to explore! 209 Madison Ave., P.O. Box 160, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-842-2882, 406-646-7381, Fax: 406-646-9575, Email: sci@yellowstoneinn.com

Three Bear Lodge. Rebuilding and renovation program has been completed. Great rooms, coupled with the well-known Three Bear Restaurant, Grizzly Lounge and a capable, friendly staff make Three Bear a natural. Complete facilities include two-room units, executive suites and rooms with king beds and jacuzzis, many no-smoking rooms, four heated whirlpools, outdoor heated pool and meeting/banquet facilities. Snowcoach, snowmobile and clothing rentals are headquartered here. 217 Yellowstone Ave., P.O. Box 1590, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 800-646-7353, 406-646-7353, Fax: 406-646-4567.

West Yellowstone Conference Hotel. A Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort. Area's most comfortable hotel is an oasis of hospitality, offering 123 rooms with mini-fridges and microwaves. King spa suites, indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, exercise room. Complete conference facilities up to 540. Oregon Short Line Restaurant and Iron Horse Saloon featuring Western cuisine. 1903 Executive Railroad Car museum. Snowmobile and clothing rentals, featuring all current model-year machines equipped with handwarmers. Snowcoach tours through Yellowstone National Park. Packages available. 315 Yellowstone Ave., West Yellowstone, MT, 59758, 800-646-7365, Fax: 406-646-4433.

WHITEFISH

Alpinglow Inn. Spectacular views surround our haven of comfort and amenities. Closest to all the ski lifts and services on The Big Mountain, our 54 rooms are complemented by a glass-enclosed, full-service restaurant, two outdoor hot tubs and friendly, outgoing staff. All this at a reasonable price. Children 12 and under stay FREE (one child per adult). Meal plans and ski packages available. 3900 Big Mountain Rd., P.O. Box 1770, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-754-6760, 406-862-6966, Fax: 406-862-0076, Email: alpinglo@nextrix.net

Anapurna Alpine Homes. Located on The Big Mountain, these 60+ fully equipped condominiums are ski-in or ski-out accommodations for over 3,000 acres of impeccable, impressive skiing. The units have all the conveniences and



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many amenities such as fireplaces, 11 different hot tubs and access to the only indoor swimming pool on The Big Mountain. Anapurna provides a full spectrum of services; including grocery provisioning and escort to your unit. Anapurna offers affordable luxury in a priceless setting. P.O. Box 55, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-243-7547 or 406-862-3687, Email: anapurna@digisys.net, Internet: www.montanaweb.com/anapurna

Bay Point on the lake. Fully furnished condominiums with indoor pool, hot tubs and complete ski packages, including car. Family and group rates plus snowmobiling packages. Conveniently situated on Whitefish Lake, between the resort town of Whitefish and The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Rental car waiting for you upon arrival at Amtrak or airport. P.O. Box 35, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-327-2108, Phone/Fax: 406-862-2331, Internet: www.baypte.com

Best Western Rocky Mountain Lodge. New 79-room hotel, one mile south of Amtrak Depot in Whitefish and eight miles from The Big Mountain Ski Resort. Amenities include: complimentary continental breakfast, heated pool and spa, laundry, exercise room, data ports, shuttle service, suites with fireplace, wet bar and jacuzzi. 2,600 sq. ft. of meeting and banquet space. 6510 US 93 S, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-862-2569, 406-862-2569, Fax: 406-862-1154, Email: bwrml@montana-web.com, Internet: <http://www.montana-web.com/rckymtn>. Call us direct for excellent ski packages!

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Chalet Motel. AAA-rated. One mile south of rustic downtown Whitefish, just eight miles from The Big Mountain. Queen beds, cable TV, large heated indoor pool and jacuzzi. Beautiful views of The Big Mountain from your room. Children under 12 stay free. Special ski rates! Denny's Restaurant open 24 hours on site. Shopping mall and ski shuttle across the street. 6430 US 93 S, Whitefish, MT 59937, 800-462-3266, Phone/Fax: 406-862-5581.

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WINTER RECREATION SAFETY TIPS

HAZARDS & RISKS

It is impossible to keep recreationists informed on the status of millions of acres of forest and thousands of miles of trails. Snow conditions can change dramatically from day to day, even hour to hour. Be on the lookout for rocks, stumps and fallen trees. Other potential hazards include caves and overlooks, abandoned mining tunnels and shafts, decaying structures and equipment, contaminated water, changing weather conditions, landslides and avalanches, exhaustion and hypothermia.

WINTER WEATHER

The winter recreation season generally extends from late November through March, with snow conditions improving as the season progresses. Temperatures can range from 50 degrees above zero to 50 below, but averages generally run from 20 to 35 degrees above zero, with mostly sunny skies. Storms can develop quickly and you should be prepared for them:

- ✱ Be in good physical condition when you set out.
- ✱ Check the forecast before you leave.
- ✱ Pack enough extra clothing, food and gear for a possible overnight.
- ✱ Let someone know where you're going and when you intend to return.
- ✱ Travel in groups of at least three; if snowmobiling, have two machines.
- ✱ Turn back if the weather looks bad.

WINDCHILL

Wind can be a deadly enemy because of its cooling effect on already cold temperatures. The windchill chart illustrates the effect of wind and temperature on a dry, properly clothed person. If clothing is wet from perspiration or precipitation, the effect is even greater.

HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia is a loss of body temperature caused by exposure to cold and aggravated by moisture, wind and exhaustion. If steps are not taken to raise the victim's body temperature, mental

WINDCHILL CHART

Wind Speed	Temperature (F)											
	40	30	20	10	5	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
0	Equivalent Chill Temperature											
5	35	25	15	5	0	-5	-15	-25	-35	-45	-55	-70
10	30	15	5	-10	-15	-20	-35	-45	-60	-70	-80	-95
15	25	10	-5	-20	-25	-30	-45	-60	-70	-85	-100	-110
20	20	5	-10	-25	-30	-35	-50	-65	-80	-95	-110	-120
25	15	0	-15	-30	-35	-45	-60	-75	-90	-105	-120	-135
30	10	0	-20	-30	-40	-50	-65	-80	-95	-110	-125	-140
35	10	-5	-20	-35	-40	-50	-65	-80	-100	-115	-130	-145
40	10	-5	-20	-35	-45	-55	-70	-85	-100	-115	-130	-150

Danger
Increased Danger
(Skin may freeze within 1 minute)
Great Danger
(Skin may freeze within 30 seconds)

and physical collapse will result. Watch for these symptoms:

- ✱ Uncontrollable fits of shivering
- ✱ Vague, slow, slurred speech
- ✱ Memory lapses, incoherence
- ✱ Immobile, fumbling hands
- ✱ Frequent stumbling
- ✱ Drowsiness, exhaustion

To avoid hypothermia, stay dry. Insulate your body against cold, wet weather by wearing wool or fleece pile and waterproof clothing, including a knit cap. Dress warmly before you start shivering. If your clothing doesn't keep you warm, get out of the cold. If you can't get out, build a fire and make camp while you still have energy. Don't wait until you're exhausted.

To treat hypothermia, shelter the victim and remove all wet clothing. Get the victim into warm, dry clothes, a warm, dry sleeping bag and try to feed the victim warm liquids. Keep the victim awake. If he or she becomes sick or unconscious, seek medical attention immediately.

AVALANCHE

Avalanche is a real and present danger. Carry and know how to use avalanche equipment, including transceivers, probe poles and shovels. A wall of moving, suffocating snow leaves few survivors in its wake. The best way to

avoid an avalanche is to understand avalanche conditions and reroute your trip to avoid them. Avalanches occur when loose snow or a slab of snow starts moving down a slope. They are triggered by a variety of slope, snow and weather conditions; many times they are triggered by human impact. Slope conditions to watch out for are steep slopes or smooth, open slopes. Short slopes can be as dangerous as long ones. Leeward slopes are dangerous because wind-deposited snow adds depth and may create unstable slabs of snow.

Avoid avalanches by staying away from mountainous terrain after heavy snowfall or prolonged periods of high wind. Avoid crossing steep side hills or entering narrow, steeply sided canyons. The safest routes are on ridgetops and on the windward side, away from cornices. The next safest route is out in the valley, far from the bottom of a slope.

IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN AN AVALANCHE:

- ✱ Call out so other members of your party can track your location.
- ✱ If snowmobiling, discard all equipment and get away from your snowmobile.
- ✱ Make swimming motions and try to stay on top; work your way to the side of the avalanche.

- ❖ As you feel the avalanche slow, try to thrust your hand, other part of your body or ski pole, above the surface.
- ❖ Before the snow settles, slip your arm in front of your face to clear an air space.
- ❖ Try not to panic; you need to conserve oxygen.

IF YOU ARE A SURVIVOR, YOU ARE A VICTIM'S BEST HOPE OF SURVIVAL.

- ❖ Mark the place where you last saw the victim and keep your eyes fixed on the moving mass of snow in which he or she is trapped.
- ❖ Search for the victim directly down-slope from the last sighted area when the snow stops moving.
- ❖ Use a ski pole or stick to probe the snow.
- ❖ Stay with the victim unless help is only a few minutes away; after 30 minutes, the victim has only a 50 percent chance of survival.
- ❖ If the victim is found, treat for hypothermia, suffocation and shock.

Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avalanche conditions are available at local forest service offices.

AVALANCHE ADVISORY

Gallatin Avalanche Forecast Center (Bozeman Area)

406-587-6981

Internet: <http://www.avalanche.org/gnfac>

Cooke City Area

406-838-2341

Northwest Montana

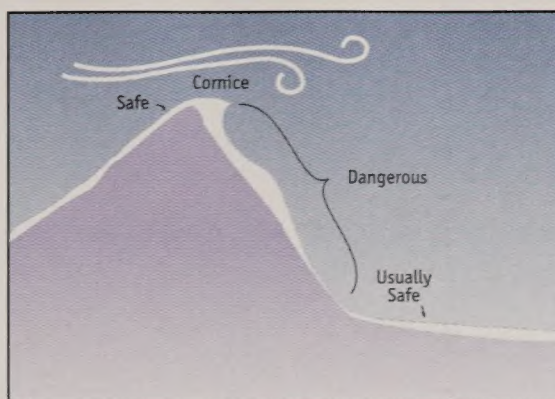
800-526-5329 or 406-257-8402

West Yellowstone

406-646-7912

Lolo and Bitterroot National Forests

406-549-4488 or 800-281-1030



PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Winter recreationists are responsible for their own personal safety.

- ❖ Snowmobilers must know how to operate their machines and should always drive safely and courteously.
- ❖ Snowmobilers should operate machines at safe speeds and be prepared to stop within half the distance they can see when driving.
- ❖ Skiers and snowboarders should always stay within the limits of their abilities.
- ❖ Drinking doesn't mix with snowmobiling, skiing, snowboarding or any other outdoor winter activity requiring clear judgment.
- ❖ Snowmobilers, skiers and snowboarders must yield to those who are moving slower.
- ❖ It is recommended that snowmobilers take avalanche awareness and search-and-rescue field courses.



TRAVEL ADVICE FROM MONTANA'S SNOWPLOW DRIVERS

Montana keeps highways open throughout the winter, but travelers face tough conditions at times. Montana's snowplow drivers offer this advice:

VISIBILITY

See and be seen. Keep your headlights and tail lights clean, especially in stormy weather. Keep windows clean and make sure defrosters work well. If snow has built up on your vehicle overnight or after a break from driving, clear it away so it doesn't blow off and obscure your windows.

COMMON SENSE

Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and those around you. Drive defensively. Don't assume the other vehicle can or will stop at intersections. Test the road. Don't wait until you have to stop to test your traction. Watch for a safe place and then gently test your brakes. If road conditions seem to have changed, look for a safe place and test braking again.

PATIENCE

Give yourself extra time to travel in winter. Being in a hurry in a storm or on icy roads is sure to get you in trouble. Passing when you can't see ahead and driving too fast for road conditions cause serious accidents in Montana each year.

Finally, leave the **cruise control off** for winter driving. It can accelerate your vehicle just as you hit a patch of ice or a slippery bridge deck.

Always be prepared with road and weather information before you set out on your way. Call **800-226-ROAD (7623)** from the US or Canada for current Montana road and weather conditions.



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